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50. Nonviolence International [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.1]
51. World Permanent Organization for Jamahiriyan Youth [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.1]
52. Hope for Africa [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.2]
53. International Environmental Law Research Centre [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.2]
54. Japan Civil Liberties Union [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.2]
55. National Association of Non-Governmental Organizations [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.2]
56. National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.2]
57. Association of Expelled Persons [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.3]
58. Canada Family Action Coalition [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.3]
59. Medico International [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.3]
60. International Movement for Leisure Activities in Science and Technology [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.3]
61. National Abortion Federation [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.3]
62. National Council of the Saemaul-Undong Movement [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.3]
63. Association of American Railroads [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.4]
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65. Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.4]
66. Citizens' Rights Protection Society [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.4]
67. Drug Watch International [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.4]
68. Association marocaine de planification familiale [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.5]
69. Becket Fund for Religious Liberty [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.5]
70. Indonesian National Council on Social Welfare [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.5]
71. Institute for Global Environmental Strategies [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.5]
72. International Federation of Medical Students Associations [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.5]
73. Population Concern [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.5]
74. African Center Foundation [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.6]
75. Association internationale de lutte contre la pauvreté et pour le développement [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.6]
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81. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.9]
82. Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.9]
83. Pro Dignitate Foundation of Human Rights [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.9]
84. Society of Automotive Engineers [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.9]
85. American Conservative Union [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.10]
86. Coordinating Body for the Indigenous Organizations in the Amazon Basin [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.10]
87. Ethiopian World Federation [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.10]
88. UNESCO Centre Basque Country [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.10]
89. Centre UNESCO de Catalunya [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.10]
90. Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.11]
91. Rethinking Tourism Project [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.11]
92. Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem [E/C.2/2001/R.2/Add.11]

1. E-QUALITY

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The Netherlands

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 1988

Membership: The organization is a national organization.

Summary of financial statement for 2000 (Netherlands guilders)

Income	
Membership dues	
Contributions from Governments	4 600 000
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	47 351
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	60 000
Revenue from contracts etc.	18 900
Other income	
Total	4 726 251
Expenditure	
Administration	1 610 000
Projects	1 920 251
Other activities	1 196 000
Total	4 726 251

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

E-Quality is an expert centre working on the intersection of gender and ethnicity. It advises and supports (migrant and refugee) women's grass-roots organizations and cooperates with NGOs in order to achieve a just society in which there is equality between women and men of all cultural/ethnic backgrounds. With the Beijing Platform for Action as point of departure, E-Quality monitors the Dutch Government's policies concerning the advancement of women, focusing on the elimination of intersectional discrimination.

E-Quality considers it to be its task to influence national and international policies (Dutch governmental bodies and parliament/United Nations and European Union context) to contribute to the achievement of equality in society and to promote gender mainstreaming in all areas of policy. E-Quality assists women's organizations in establishing international links, and disseminates information on developments at the international and national levels.

Means employed by the organization include regular and specific publications, the operation of a large database, advisory and logistic support of women's groups and organizations, and the organization of conferences, seminars and expert meetings.

E-Quality has the legal status of a foundation; as such, it has no members in the legal sense. It is governed by an independent board, consisting of a majority of women with different ethnic backgrounds, representative of Dutch society. Board members are chosen on the basis of their management skills and expertise in the field. They are functioning in their personal capacities. The organization is financed by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment. Furthermore, E-Quality receives grants, earmarked for specific projects, from intergovernmental bodies (European Commission), NGOs and other non-governmental bodies.

E-Quality aims to increase the proportion of financial resources from non-governmental bodies (sponsoring of projects; revenue from contracts).

The Ministry assesses (afterwards and marginally) whether its finances were spent according to the purposes of the organization. The Government has no influence on the substance of the work of E-Quality, neither on the content of its projects nor on the recruitment of its staff.

E-Quality intends to continue following the work of the United Nations bodies that are explicitly concerned with the improvement of the status of women. It will contribute its expertise on the intersection of gender and ethnicity and provide substantial and logistic support to (migrant and refugee) women's organizations and NGOs on behalf of international lobby activities in order to realize the goals of the United Nations regarding the advancement of women. This means in particular:

(a) Continuation of regular attendance of sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, including pre- and post-session briefings of Dutch NGOs; attendance of ECE when the advancement of women is on its agenda;

(b) Continuation of the coordination of an contribution to NGO shadow reports for CEDAW and the attendance of CEDAW sessions when the Netherlands is on the agenda, including presentation of the shadow report;

(c) Continuation of joint activities with Dutch NGOs regarding the post-Beijing process and regarding the preparations and follow-up concerning WCAR 2001.

2. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF INSPECTION AGENCIES

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Category requested: General

Date established: 8 June 1982

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 131 organization members in more than 30 countries.

Summary of financial statement at 31.12.1999

Income	**US$**
Membership dues	£162,885 @ 1.43 = 232,925
Contributions from Governments	Nil
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	Nil
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	Nil
Revenue from contracts, etc.	Nil
Other income	Bank interest £4,598 @ 1.43 = 6,575
Total income	US$ 239,500

Expenditure		
Administration) Projects) Other activities)	All expenditure is on administration	£147,040 @ 1.43 = US$ 210,267
Total expenditure		US$ 210,267

The aims are the following:

- To promote the enhancement and efficiency of government-mandated Pre-shipment Inspection (PSI) services and other trade monitoring and information services in the fields of trade facilitation and technical assistance to Governments.

- To develop and maintain uniform professional standards and guidelines for observance by members.

- To facilitate the observance by members of all applicable international agreements/conventions and national regulations relating to the services being provided by members.

From 1997 to 2001, IFIA has been invited by the United Nations Secretariat Geneva as an observer of the sessions of the United Nations, Economic Commission for Europe, Centre for Facilitation of Procedures, Practices for Administration, Commerce and Transport (CEFACT). Similarly, from 1994 to 1997, IFIA was invited by the UN Secretariat to attend the meetings of the Working Party 4 (which was superseded by CEFACT in 1997).

Since the establishment of CEFACT in1997, IFIA has been a member of the International Trade Procedures Working Group (ITPWG).

The reason for the invitations by the UN Secretariat is because of IFIA's experience in relation to Preshipment Inspection which, being covered by the WTO Agreement on Preshipment Inspection, is of relevance to trade facilitation and the work being carried-out by CEFACT.

Specific contributions of IFIA have been:

- The submission a paper on Preshipment Inspection at the request of WP4 in 1996.
- Assistance with the preparation of a Trade Facilitation Recommendation No. 27 on Preshipment Inspection which was approved by CEFACT in 1999.

Owing to the fact that trade facilitation has become an issue of international importance and may be included in a future WTO Round, we believe IFIA has a useful contribution to make to UN CEFACT ITPWG in their work on trade facilitation because it is necessary to consider the roles of all players in the international trade transaction: the inspection industry representing one of those players.

It should be noted that the inspection industry is, as a result of technological developments, adopting a more sophisticated approach to inspection. For example, by using risk management principles in order to make the inspection more effective and facilitate trade. This also was one of the recommendations of the WTO Working Party on Preshipment Inspection in March, 1999 (contained in WTO Report No. G/L/300). There are several other areas where the inspection industry can make a contribution to trade facilitation.

The reason for IFIA to apply for consultative status with ECOSOC is because this is required by the rules which are published by UN at www.unece.org/cefact which state: "UN/CEFACT is the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business. It is open to participation from Member States, intergovernmental organisations and sectoral and industry associations recognised by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC)".

3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Address: 35 Great Smith Street
London SW1P 3BJ
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Category requested: general

Date established: 18 August 1988

Membership: a national organization with no individual members, and 410 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for year ending 31 March 1997 (pounds sterling)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	1 300 000
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	165 490
Total	1 465 490
Expenditure	
Administration	1 418 663
Projects	
Other activities	
Total	1 418 663

Activities

The Local Government International Bureau, which is the international outreach arm of the Local Government Association of England, the Welsh Local Government Association, the Association of Local Authorities of Northern Ireland and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, seeks accreditation to the Economic and Social Council as the national affiliate body of the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA). IULA is based in The Hague, Netherlands, and has regional branches in all United Nations regions. IULA is in consultative status with the Council. The Bureau seeks accreditation under the procedure set out in Council resolution 1996/31.

Bureau personnel have been active within the United Nations system for a number of years, not only through IULA's consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, but within the context of the United Kingdom local authority contribution and response to United Nations activities. The Bureau has provided the interface between the United Nations process and the national/local implementation of the outcomes of the Earth Summit (1992). In cooperation with

IULA, and with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, the Bureau has promoted Local Agenda 21, the mechanism for the implementation of Agenda 21 at local level, among its members. It also promotes the Habitat Agenda in tandem with Local Agenda 21. Bureau personnel have also participated in the World Summit for Social Development, the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), the Commission on Human Settlements and the sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

A Committee of senior elected members formed to guide and inform the United Nations-related activities of the United Kingdom local authority associations and their member authorities, has recently been confirmed and strengthened, despite budget constraints in other areas. This demonstrates the Bureau's commitment to the cause of the United Nations, and especially its activities relevant to the local authority sector.

The Bureau has also been active within the "partnership" strategy practised by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in seeking to build interfaces between levels of government, social groups and sectoral interests and activities. For example, a strong delegation was sent to the recent International Conference on Governance for Sustainable Growth and Equity organized by UNDP.

4. INTERNATIONAL PROSTITUTES COLLECTIVE

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Category requested: general

Date established: 1975

Membership: international organization, with 2,830 individual members in 26 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1996-1997 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	2 880
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	14 165
Total	17 045
Expenditure	
Administration	6 755
Projects: research project	3 069
Other activities:	
Reports/services	1 280
International networking/conferences	5 584
Total	16 688

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Aims

Aims are to:

(a) Highlight the effects and end the criminalization of prostitute women, children and men;

(b) Ensure that sex workers have protection against rape and other violence;

(c) Highlight the fact that prostitute women are women like other women, and ensure that sex workers everywhere have a voice and that their needs and demands are met;

(d) Press for sex workers to be recognized as workers with human, legal and civil rights;

(e) Oppose the racism, sexism and other discrimination based on legal and economic status, disability, sexual preference and so on faced by sex workers, including immigrant and migrant women;

(f) Make visible the economic contribution of sex workers, most of whom are mothers, to the survival and welfare of families and communities;

(g) Make policy makers aware of how the feminization of poverty, including structural adjustment programmes and economic restructuring, increases the numbers of women and children worldwide forced into prostitution;

(h) Press for viable economic alternatives so that no one is forced into prostitution by poverty;

(i) Gather and convey changes in public opinion that support the safety and rights of sex workers and their families;

(j) Work with individual Governments, United Nations agencies, the non-governmental organization community and the private sector to see that our aims become reality.

Activities

Towards these ends our activities include:

(a) Providing support, advice and information to prostitute women on the laws and their enforcement, safety, child custody, immigration, health, housing, welfare and other benefits;

(b) Running public education campaigns to raise awareness of sex workers' experiences and concerns;

(c) Gathering information and maintaining files on the prostitution laws and their impact on the lives of individuals and communities;

(d) Speaking to community groups, professional organizations, editorial boards, national and international conferences, schools, universities; and holding public meetings and media interviews;

(e) Lobbying local and national Governments;

(f) Publishing and contributing to articles, newsletters, books;

(g) Ensuring grass-roots participation and representation in relevant United Nations conferences and briefings; meeting representatives of United

Nations agencies and government delegates; mailing and e-mailing information on United Nations activity and developments affecting sex workers.

Participation

We intend to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by attending the meetings of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in 1998 and beyond, and the United Nations Commission for Social Development; being part of the non-governmental organization community including the NGO Committee on the Status of Women; conveying to our constituents and the general public progress and developments on our issues; and relaying the concerns of our constituents to the United Nations.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE

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Category requested: special

Date established: 9 September 1994

Membership: Human Rights International Alliance (HRIA) is an international organization, with 2,829 individual members and 31 member organizations.

Financial statement for 1997 (pounds sterling)

Income

Membership dues	2 000
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	8 731
Total	10 731

Expenditure

Administration	1 704
Projects	4 000
Other activities	5 000
Total	10 704

Aims and activities

The aims of the organization are to identify areas for the betterment of the community both in terms of civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights, as per the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and relative covenants, with special emphasis on non-violence and protection of individuals' lives. The aims are to work in partnership with other national and regional human service organizations and human rights groups, bring common objectives and issues to public awareness, to promote multicultural awareness, relieve poverty, improve health conditions, promote education, improve economic and social conditions and save lives.

The organization, through direct services or referrals:

- Maintains a close association of member organizations and individuals, working for the common objective of promoting peace and human rights through research, analysis, education and rehabilitation;
- Is in the process of creating an international databank of human rights organizations and activists;
- Is in the process of creating a human rights hotline in order to monitor and ensure swift intervention in cases of arbitrary, insecure detentions;
- Promotes the basic human rights as per the United Nations Charter and relative international covenants. Brings awareness and educates the public through conferences, symposia and hearings on diverse human rights and thematic issues, such as role, responsibilities and cooperation of human rights actors, global ethnocide, women's rights, children's rights against exploitation and slavery, social and economic injustice, conflict prevention, human rights education etc.;
- Helps individual human rights activists, social workers and organizations by making them available for press interviews, public speaking engagements and corporate seminars;
- Appeals and campaigns for the release of prisoners of conscience, provides legal aid and relief for victims of political violence and torture;
- Promotes, encourages and undertakes research and disseminates the results of such activities. Produces, prints and publishes anything in written, oral or visual media in furtherance of the objectives;
- Provides the provision of counselling and guidance in furtherance of its objectives;
- Participates and contributes to international forums related to the objectives of the organization, including those organized by the Centre for Human Rights.

Human Rights International Alliance is an international organization whose mandate essentially covers the clauses included in United Nations human rights and related conventions.

Human Rights International Alliance was founded on the principle that the concept of non-governmental organizations active in all walks of life is spreading in the North as in the South. It seriously took into consideration the difficulties and necessities for regional organizations to be encouraged and make their goals, activities and achievements known. HRIA also realized the difficulties faced by international institutions, mainly the United Nations, to integrate all non-governmental bodies in its structure, and therefore chose to be a cross-cultural-channel of knowledge and understanding with regard to human rights and development issues. In this respect, HRIA activities correspond fully to the wishes expressed for the last few years by United Nations bodies for non-governmental organizations to get together and have common areas of understanding with consensus forms of expression within the United Nations system.

The activities of the organization are directed primarily towards promulgating better understanding and implementation of articles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and of the recommendations and resolutions of the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. They also focus on active participation in such forums and United Nations organised working groups, assistance to special rapporteurs and consultancy with independent experts, the improvement of international provisions and legal instruments in the interests of individuals, peoples and nations seeking territorial peace, social and economic development, and respect for integrity and dignity.

One of the major tasks for the organization is the setting up of a human rights hotline. The purpose of the hotline is to provide individuals, in all regions of the world, with immediate assistance in case of arbitrary arrests and/or insecure detention. The hotline being a recipient of such cases, it shall then appeal to the concerned authorities by activating the HRIA network of United Nations appropriate departments and officers, non-governmental organizations, Parliamentarians and individuals.

6. KASHMIRI AMERICAN COUNCIL

Address: 733-15th Street, NW, Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20005
United States of America

Category requested: special

Date established: 5 April 1990

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 32,094 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	25 600
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	176 800
Other income	285 286
Total	488 210
Expenditure	
Administration	92 989
Projects	284 892
Other activities	133 049
Total	510 930

The chief aim of the Kashmiri American Council (KAC) is international education and promotion of principles of human rights and human dignity, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, self-determination and fundamental freedoms for all, irrespective of their racial, religious, linguistic or sexual preferences. Its special concern is the realization of international human rights norms. Its programme includes public education (speaking at symposia and conferences, publishing newsletters, fact sheets, newspaper columns, letters to the editor, monographs, essays, and other documents) related to the broader scope and the programme of the Economic and Social Council. Its programme also includes attending international human rights conferences to strengthen international human rights conventions and mechanisms, such as a permanent international criminal court or ad hoc arrangements like those established for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

The KAC's educational mission also seeks to inform the public about the honourable causes of all oppressed peoples' internationally recognized right of self-determination, the horrifying conflicts that generally erupt when basic human rights are suppressed, and the imperative of working through peaceful means with all legitimate popular voices (and renouncing terrorism or violence) to resolve disputes.

KAC intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by attending conferences and submitting papers that support international human rights conventions and adherence to human rights norms generally. KAC specifically is eager to explore an array of potential international sanctions and additional institutional arrangements that would better deter and punish human rights violations which tragically seem to have become commonplace among the family of nations. The several lofty economic, social and cultural objectives of the Economic and Social Council can never reach fruition when fratricide, conflict and human rights brutalities are afoot. That understanding places the peace-minded activities of KAC at the centre of the Council's raison d'être.

7. AFRICA FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL

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Category requested: general

Date established: 1988

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 505 individual members and 23 organization members in five countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	35 000
Other income	13 110
Total	48 100
Expenditure	
Administration	22 100
Projects	16 400
Other activities	818
Total	39 318

Aims and activities

The aims of AFCI are:

(a) To promote socio-economic-based development, agriculture, housing and functional literacy;

(b) To provide means for poverty alleviation by providing credit and supportive services to the poor to start income-generating activities;

(c) To promote gender balance;

(d) To train youth in income-generating activities such as trade;

(e) To provide volunteer work in the community;

(f) To network and collaborate with organizations which have similar goals and objectives;

(g) To train men/women for the promotion of the Christian faith under our school of Worle Mission.

Its activities are:

(a) Providing credit facilities to the poor;

(b) Preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ;

(c) Training the target group in functional literacy and adult education;

(d) Extending agricultural assistance in the form of seeds for food security;

(e) Conducting and organizing workshops/seminars concerning awareness of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS.

Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

AFCI intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council in two ways: attendance at meetings, especially in areas where the organization has competence and authority, and by preparing papers in areas where the organization has competence - for instance, microfinance and credit administration.

8. AFRICAN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Address: 532 South Vermont Avenue, Suite #104
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United States of America

Category requested: general

Date established: 1984

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with approximately 50 individual members and eight organization members (branches) in 20 countries.

Summary of financial statement for year ended 30 June 1997 (United States dollars)

Income	
Other income	189 447
Total	189 447
Expenditure	
Administration and projects	172 083
Other activities	-
Total	172 083

Aims and activities

The African Community Resource Center (ACRC) is a non-governmental organization committed to the humanitarian vision of improving the quality of life in developing countries by providing equal access to resources, information and health interventions. ACRC takes responsibility for advocating on behalf of those whose human rights have been violated - i.e., women and children in refugee camps, those who have been abused by their own Governments, and those in need of hospitals, clinics and universities. Our goal is to offer help where there is none, to give hope when all is lost, provide food and medical care where they are not available to those who need it most and to offer a pathway through injustice wherever we find it. Our mission is to work towards peace and development with compassion and humanity.

We carry out our goals through a variety of programmes around the world, including clinic building, supplying and maintenance; building universities, medical schools and research facilities; shipping medical equipment, food and other vital supplies; sponsoring conferences and conducting research on conflict resolution, reproductive health, leadership training, human rights and other issues pertaining to peace and development; and recruiting and using volunteer professionals in the fields of medicine, science and technology, education, social work etc. to provide social services, research and advocacy of human rights issues around the world. ACRC has created, supplied and maintained free clinics for women and children in Africa, and has a history of providing medical care, medical equipment, food, prenatal care and nutritional training in Ethiopia, Zaire, Burundi, the United Republic of Tanzania, Chad, Eritrea and Sierra Leone. ACRC conducts conferences and forums with foreign dignitaries from developing countries on issues related to their respective populations. For example, ACRC sponsored the First African Women's Network Conference (Los Angeles, 1996) with African women participants from the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Granting of consultative status under the Economic and Social Council would allow us to vote and participate in all United Nations activities and to receive direct accreditation for conferences, summits and other events in which we want to be active participants. ACRC has participated in sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and a workshop panel at the Fourth World Conference on Women. Consultative status would strengthen our ability to work even more closely with the United Nations and would, as a result, allow us to expedite the humanitarian aid we provide to developing countries. In addition, ACRC would have a stronger voice with which to advocate for refugee populations, women's issues and peace worldwide.

9. KOREA INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

Address: 446, Taewha-dong
Jung-ku, Ulsan
Republic of Korea

Category requested: general

Date established: 10 March 1988

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 9,115 individual members and 172 organization members in 10 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Retained earnings	860
Membership dues	141 154
Contributions from Governments	127 133
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	0
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	3 125
Revenue from contracts etc.	33 635
Other sources	122 495
Total	428 402
Expenditure	
Administration	69 741
Projects	349 091
Other activities	7 610
Total	426 442

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Republic of Korea was helped greatly by the United Nations and many foreign countries during the Korean War, so it is considered that now it should repay that assistance to the international society again. Therefore, this organization was founded by the President himself in 1988 and it is now a corporate juridical person with 9,115 members and organization members 10 years after its foundation, and now all of our members are cooperating, transcending nation, religion, race, sex and age, we are participating in activities of helping unfortunate neighbours, supporting welfare facilities, environmental observing education and volunteers education in Korea, and we have become an international civil service organization serving third world countries by protecting their natives, medical support for their health and humane support.

The reason why we are wishing to acquire the consultative status in the United Nations is:

(1) Secure personal protection and public trust for visiting the third world countries and the hinterlands and activities of our organization under the close cooperative system with the United Nations.

(2) That this organization can present our opinion through letters or oral reports to the United Nations concerning the inhabitants of the third world hinterlands where this organization participates in activities and the matters of concern and interest to the United Nations and also international problems.

(3) That we will report to the United Nations about the international problems which non-governmental organizations cannot solve and difficulties faced by the international non-governmental organizations to ask for cooperation, and we wish to consult with the international non-governmental organizations that have joined the United Nations.

10. RELIEF INTERNATIONAL

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Category requested: general

Date established: 1990

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with no individual or organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	3 900 003
Total	3 900 003
Expenditure	
Administration	35 065
Projects	3 709 239
Other activities	
Total	3 744 304

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

Relief International (RI) is a humanitarian non-profit agency that provides emergency relief, rehabilitation and development assistance to vulnerable communities worldwide. RI's mission is to:

(a) Serve the needs of the most vulnerable, particularly women and children, victims of natural disasters, civil conflicts, and the poor worldwide, with a specific focus on neglected groups and cases;

(b) Promote self-reliance, coexistence and reintegration of vulnerable groups;

(c) Provide holistic, multisectoral, sustainable, and pro-poor programmes that bridge emergency relief and long-term development at the grass-roots level;

(d) Empower communities through capacity-building and by maximizing local resources in programme design and implementation;

(e) Protect lives from physical injury or death and/or psychological trauma, where present;

(f) Uphold the highest professional norms in programme delivery, including accountability to donors and beneficiaries alike.

Founded in 1990, RI's energies initially focused on providing relief materials in such areas as the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Azerbaijan. Since 1993, RI has directly provided emergency, rehabilitation and development project services targeting affected populations in Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Chechnya, Tajikistan and Viet Nam. In 1998, RI is expanding its services to Burundi and Rwanda. Activities have assisted vulnerable communities in the health, shelter, reconstruction, relief, education, community development, agriculture and income-generation sectors.

RI is registered as a tax-deductible charity with the United States Government. RI serves as an implementing partner of the United Nations, is registered as a private voluntary organization with the United States Agency for International Development, and is a member of the American Council for Voluntary International Action. To date, RI maintains field offices in Azerbaijan, Burundi, Tajikistan, and Viet Nam.

In the light of the above, RI would offer a valuable community-based perspective to the Economic and Social Council through attendance at meetings, as well as potential written and oral statements, where appropriate. RI carries out its programmes in concert with beneficiaries and local counterparts alike, and has established partnerships with a number of national-based non-governmental organizations in Azerbaijan, Tajikistan and Viet Nam. As a provider of direct services, RI holds expertise in a variety of sectors in both the relief and development fields, as noted above. As an implementing partner with various United Nations agencies, such as UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP and FAO, RI is sensitive to the mission of the United Nations and its programmes.

11. VISHVA HINDU PARISHAD

Address: Sankat Mochan Ashram
Rama Krishna Puram - VI
New Delhi - 110 022
Bharat
India

Category requested: general

Date established: 13 October 1966

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 1.19 million individual members, and 48 organizational members in 19 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1996-1997 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	357 806
Total	357 806
Expenditure	
Administration	50 394
Projects	97 479
Other activities	42 278
Total	190 151

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

Vishva Hindu Parishad is represented universally by its 1.19 million members, who are guided in these service programmes by the four well-known concepts that reflect the realization of the ancient Hindu seers of India:

(a) "Truth is one. The wise pursue it variously". This understanding is the greatest contributing factor which has guided Hindus for thousands of years in tolerating and even respecting others' points of view. Emphasis is on the term "also" and not on "the only way". This emphasizes freedom of following a chosen religion and pursuing individual approach to life and having freedom of speech;

(b) "The whole of humanity is just one family of God". This concept emphasizes the acceptance of every human being as a member of an extended family under universal fraternity. This results in accepting members of all faiths;

(c) "Let all be happy, healthy and blessed". The term "all" includes all humanity, animal and plant kingdoms, and emphasizes the reconciliation of development with environmental/ecological balance;

(d) "Service to others is virtue and exploiting others is a sin". This has helped in developing a view of compassion towards the needy.

Vishva Hindu Parishad is engaged in work for the total welfare of humanity. While it has taken on its shoulders the responsibility of representing and promoting the welfare-related activities of Hindus, which form one fifth of the world's population, it promotes without discrimination the activities of moral and ethical education, medical aid for needy masses, relief to the very poor, advancement of general public utility, and the pursuit of socio-religious, scientific and general research. These noble aims are given shape through the untiring efforts and dedication of highly motivated social workers that operate from the central unit located at New Delhi, its 30 affiliated units spread all over India and 18 affiliated units registered in other countries.

Apart from organizing seminars and conferences at the national and international levels, Vishva Hindu Parishad runs various centres throughout India and abroad involving formal education, non-formal education, establishing single teacher schools, adult education in remote areas, publications for general literacy and awareness, library and reading room services for the very poor, hostels for the needy, and classes in ancient Hindu heritage, language and teachings.

In the field of medical and health services, Vishva Hindu Parishad runs many health centres, hospitals, yoga centres, leprosy treatment centres and research projects in the application of the ancient Indian medical system.

Because the aims and activities of service programmes are aligned with the work the Council is doing, it will be easy for VHP project people to provide extensive data and input on similar projects supported by the United Nations system organizations at other places in the world.

The participation in the work of the Council would be focused on the following areas:

(a) Child care: children who are destitute, orphans, abandoned or abused;

(b) Health and hygiene in remote locations: for people who are located in tribal belts and remote villages;

(c) Community development: for those who feel isolated, to make them feel a part of the community/family;

(d) Economic self-reliance (particularly women): for those who need to learn new skills for self-reliance;

(e) Environmental concern: for all, in particular tribal people who live near the jungle;

(f) Literacy programme: for villages and remote areas, where no schools exist.

12. LE FOYER MUSULMAN – ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE POUR LES DROITS DE L'HOMME

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Category requested: special

Date established: 5 August 1997

Membership: the association is an international organization, with 42 individual members from 23 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	10 500
Contributions of members	35 000
Total	45 500
Expenditure	
Administration	43 292
Projects	2 208
Total	45 500

Aims and activities, and participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

- To show and convince Muslim and non-Muslim peoples how Islam not only does not order or recommend violence but can be a very good basis for understanding and applying human rights principles all over the world, provided that people understand its philosophy. In this context, it invites and recommends respect for humankind, without discrimination of race, faith, culture, sex or political convictions.
- To educate populations on the importance of human rights, the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, peace and democracy, and to explain, by speeches, meetings, conferences, bulletins and publications, articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights so that these would become sacred matters. For this purpose, branches will be inaugurated in many countries, mainly in the Middle East, Africa and the former USSR. The main aim is to eliminate violence, change the deformed face of religions, mainly Islam (which ethnic and political interpretation has deformed for generations), and to recommend and teach tolerance.

- **To actively participate in international conferences on human rights.**
- **To minutely study questions and problems pertaining to trouble spots which may threaten peace in the world, and when necessary, to travel to such countries and areas and prepare reports and surveys accompanied with recommendations. Furthermore, to respond to all requests made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or any other body related to the Council concerning any question, research, study or meeting, and to collaborate and make suitable statements, if necessary. Also, our organization will endeavour to mobilise public opinion for the necessity of neutral courts, which are dedicated only to the examination and judgement of the violation of human rights, and to ensure that these courts shall be empowered with authority to execute their decisions, as far as possible respecting the country's sovereignty. It appears that many judicial organs are not really independent of political leadership and are sometimes prevented from making neutral, independent evaluation and judgement. As part of our activities, we intend to collaborate with United Nations special rapporteurs on minorities and religious intolerance and other relevant committees or rapporteurs that deal with human rights questions.**

13. AMITIÉ SANS FRONTIÈRES INTERNATIONALE

Address: Hôtel Hermitage
Sq. Beaumarchais
MC 98000
Monaco

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 1996

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 530 individual members and eight organization members in eight countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1 October 1996 to 30 September 1999 (French francs):

Income	
Membership dues	58 557
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	17 127
Total income	75 684
Expenditure	
Administration*	-
Projects*	
Other activities*	—
Total expenditure	-

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

Amitié sans frontières internationale is a service club that is open to all. It is, and has always been, founded on the principle of mixed membership (both men and women).

Its bases are justice, tolerance and friendship.

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* Undertaken individually by every member of the Board of Directors or by the Monaco Club.

Its emblem is the sunflower, symbolizing the sun, which shines for everyone, regardless of his or her social caste, race, sex, nationality or creed.

Its main objective is humanitarian action on issues identified by the United Nations General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

Permission to establish an Amitié sans frontières club is granted strictly subject to the condition that the proposed new club must be located in a part of the world where human rights are respected.

The Amitié sans frontières service clubs that have been established to date in various parts of the world have, in the majority of cases, Presidents who are young adults between 30 and 40 years old and are strongly motivated by the Amitié sans frontières ethic. At the same time, those clubs include many older members, working in harmony with their younger colleagues to serve the human community more effectively.

Amitié sans frontières clubs have been active in a broad range of fields. Their accomplishments to date have included:

Contribution to the establishment of a shelter for street children in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;

Participation in the fight against AIDS by providing financial support for specialists working in the field of medical research;

Organization of a cancer prevention campaign;

Support for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the context of Operation ReUNite, which is aimed at locating Yugoslav refugee children dispersed in various host countries and reuniting them with their parents;

Support for an ecological campaign aimed at the reforestation of a mountain that had been devastated by a forest fire;

Provision of equipment for an analysis laboratory in Benin;

Support for a Mediterranean Sea protection project;

Support for the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees through the launching of Operation Rebuild, which is aimed at providing assistance for the victims of conflict in the Balkans.

In the future, Amitié sans frontières intends to focus on action on behalf of educationally underprivileged children, children who are forced to do work that is not compatible with their age, women who are denied their essential rights, and, in general, all victims of injustice and intolerance. Every one of our projects, however modest, is or will be a step towards peace.

14. INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON DISTANCE EDUCATION

Address: Bahnhofstrasse 58
8001 Zurich
Switzerland

Category requested: Special

Date established: May 1997 (Switzerland); 15 December 1997 (Spain)

Membership: The organisation is an international organization with 554 individual members and 13 organisational members in 9 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars):

Income

Membership dues	113 982
Other NGOs	6 500
Other sources (collaboration courses)	
*Extras	117 595
Total	238 077

Expenditure

Administration	65 539
Projects (scholarships)	113 976
Other activities (extraordinary)	829
Total	180 344

Aims and activities, and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The activities of the International Commission on Distance Education (CODE) are aimed at the development of distance-taught education programmes throughout the world as a precondition to the improvement of economic, social and personal conditions of all individuals. This development is based on the improvement of academic conditions, the study of new technologies, and ongoing support for students around the world, to enable them to take advantage of a system of education which is at once cheaper, simpler, more accessible, and more humane.

To achieve these objectives, the organization promotes a wide variety of activities: conferences, training courses at all levels, book and magazine publishing, use of the Internet etc. In collaboration with universities, CODE offers courses on conflict-solving, peace, international trade, and international relations. CODE also promotes the Albert Schweitzer International University, a humanistic project dedicated to peace studies, disarmament, and the improvement of health care in third world countries, and programmes to improve environmental conditions and working conditions in third world countries.

The development of the Internet and its associated technologies is one of the foundations of the activities of CODE. To that end, CODE will adapt itself to the new digital technologies so as to improve communication between its associate members throughout the world. CODE will seek early membership in ITU so as to be able to participate in the development of telecommunications as applied to teaching techniques.

If granted consultative status, CODE would create subsections analogous to those of the Council so as to better inform the Council of the concerns and proposals of its members and organizations. Equally, those subsections would respond to requests from the Council for reports for the organisations of the United Nations, thus fulfilling the commitment of our organization as a consultative body. CODE would participate in the General Assembly and in the preparatory commissions. It would continue to take part in United Nations conferences and in the General Assembly of UNESCO.

15. WALES ASSEMBLY OF WOMEN

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UK

Category requested: General

Date established: 1985

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 380 individual members and 17 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997/98 (pounds sterling):

Income

Membership dues	1 369.00
Contributions from Governments	7 960.00
Other	2 142.09
Total	11 471.09

Expenditure

Administration	8 616.15
Projects	1 537.15
Other activities	15.00
Total	10 168.30

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

As well as preparing for the assessment of the Beijing Conference in 2000, we are planning a major event on women in poverty in Wales, in autumn 1999.

We held a conference in preparation for the Beijing Conference with a large attendance of women from all over Wales. Subsequently we made a full report on the Global Platform for Action and took a leading role in formulating the United Kingdom National Agenda for Action, especially in its reference to Wales. Decision-making has been a major issue for us, with plans for devolved government and the setting up of a national assembly in Wales. We organized a preparatory conference in October 1996, "Power Matters", followed by a major petition and large advertisement in our national press to lobby for support of gender balance in the proposed national assembly. We are pleased to have achieved some success ultimately with 23 women out of 60 members, some of whom have also been active members of the Wales Assembly of Women.

We intend to continue to play an active role on contributing to debates, caucus meetings and governmental presentations in the interest of women everywhere, especially where the quality of their lives has been constrained and where the girl-child has been seriously disadvantaged.

16. COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

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Category requested: general

Date established: 1968

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 15,082 individual members and 104 organization members in 31 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (United States dollars):

Income	
Membership dues	301 133.25
Government	-
Intergovernmental organizations	-
Other non-governmental organizations	2 310 615.80
Contracts	69 191.48
Other sources	45 461.76
Total	2 726 402.03
Expenditure	
Administration	126 368.58
Projects	1 031 803.15
Other activities	133 083.54
Total	1 291 255.27

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Community of Sant'Egidio promotes human values of solidarity, mutual understanding, dialogue, peace and protection of human life, especially for the development of the weakest people. The Community of Sant'Egidio relates to the work of the Economic and Social Council mainly in social, cultural, educational, health-care and human right issues.

The Community of Sant'Egidio is a combination of differentiated entities: a grass-roots organization, a think tank, an advocacy group and an operative group specialized in diplomatic troubleshooting. All the members of the Community are strongly committed to the poor in the social life of the places where the Community is established. This care for the poorest people led the

Community to be constantly concerned about the changing forms of poverty. The various services the Community is running today are a result of this concern and of this effort. As a whole, the Community organizes and runs initiatives in the field of assistance to the most needy parts of society, and important cooperation, development, and assistance projects in various parts of the world. Commitment areas are: children, street children, old people, homeless, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) patients, gypsies, the handicapped (mental and physical), refugees and immigrants.

Work for peace. There have been hundreds of initiatives for dialogue among cultures and religions: in the fields of study, cultural meetings and interchanges with highly authoritative persons. Many of these meetings have been supported by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The Community of Sant'Egidio was the official mediator in the peace talks between the Government of Mozambique and the guerrilla movement Mozambique National Resistance (RENAMO). The talks were held in Rome at the centre of the Community. At first they were secret and then became public with the participation of observers from other countries and of the United Nations. Other areas of cooperation with United Nations agencies include projects for Iraqi refugees (in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)), programmes against malnutrition in Albania (in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)), training of Albanian physical therapists (in collaboration with UNICEF), medical aid for Beira Hospital in Mozambique (in cooperation with the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)).

As described, the areas of United Nations concern - particularly as related to social, cultural, educational, sanitary and human rights questions - in which the Community participated are large in number. The already wide and profitable cooperation could be more enhanced by the Community of Sant'Egidio participation, as an observer, at public meetings of the Council and its subsidiary bodies, as well as meetings of the commissions and other subsidiary organs of the Council.

17. INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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Category requested: Roster

Date established: 4 September 1984

Membership: The International Society for Human Rights (ISHR) is an international organization, with approximately 9,000 individual members and 3 organization members in 35 countries at present.

Financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars):

Income	
Membership dues	25 000.00
Contributions from Governments	5 000.00
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	92 000.00
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Contracts	-
Other (donations in kind and cash)	1 598 420.32
Total	1 720 420.32
Expenditure	
Administration	310 000.00
Projects	800 000.00
Other (publications, annual meetings)	450 000.00
Total	1 559 934.45

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The International Society for Human Rights (ISHR) is a network of national organizations that bases its work primarily on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed by the United Nations on 10 December 1948. Its objective is to promote and achieve universal respect for basic human rights.

ISHR works by giving support to the global non-violent human rights movement and by exposing and condemning human rights violations. ISHR provides basic help to victims of human rights violations including refugees, and victims of political, religious, ethnic or racist persecution, torture and war.

ISHR seeks to promote international understanding and tolerance in all areas of culture and society. It is a non-profit-making organization, independent of all political parties, Governments or religious groups.

ISHR believes that non-violent progress towards the realization of basic human rights and democracy is a key to addressing serious social problems and issues. If a society is free, solutions for social problems are much more likely to be found and implemented.

In the past years, ISHR has coordinated, supervised and/or implemented a number of projects designed to raise awareness on human rights and democracy issues, and to offer humanitarian help in specific areas to some of the less protected population groups. This includes a total of six projects, which have been carried out since 1994 with the financial support of the European Commission. ISHR is also actively involved in a number of humanitarian aid, legal and other assistance programmes in the Central and Eastern European States, newly independent States and Asian and African countries.

ISHR contributes to the work of the Commission on Human Rights by submitting reports about systematic and serious human rights violations. ISHR informs people about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and all relevant international conventions, and the Commission on Human Rights and its functions. ISHR supplies the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) with information on refugees situation. ISHR is in consultative status with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat.

At present, the International Secretariat, in close cooperation with CICC, is running an international campaign on the International Criminal Court together with its National Sections in Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Romania, the Russian Federation, Switzerland, Ukraine and Uzbekistan, which consists of photo exhibitions, seminars, leaflets and a forum on the Internet.

Several other projects are planned for 1999-2000, among them the project entitled "Training for Democracy in the Ukrainian Armed Forces", a project on civic education in Uzbekistan, a print shop of public benefit in Romania, a project to monitor the elections in the Russian Federation, a training programme for teachers in the Congo and a technical training school (radio, TV) for young people in Kenya, as well as human rights conferences in Belarus, Uzbekistan and Slovakia.

As ISHR is a network of, at present, 35 National Sections and National Groups worldwide, with a 15-year lasting history, numerous documentation, newsletters, reports, books and other information have been printed in many languages. Publications that appear on a regular basis may be described as follows:

(a) Human Rights Worldwide is published by the International Secretariat, four issues a year and distributed on the international level. The total number printed is between 5,000 and 10,000 copies;

(b) The German Section of ISHR (IGFM) publishes the magazine Menschenrechte, which appears four times a year, is printed in a run of 5,000 copies, and informs members and donors about projects and activities of IGFM; and an additional leaflet Für die Menschenrechte is distributed six times a year, with a print run of up to 80,000 copies;

(c) The French Section of ISHR (SIDH) publishes the bimonthly magazine Droit de Regard, which is also distributed by ISHR, Sections and Groups in French-speaking countries in Africa;

(d) The Australian Section of ISHR publishes the magazine Charter;

(e) The Russian Section of ISHR publishes the monthly newspaper Law and Protection.

Since 1999, the International Secretariat, in cooperation with its Sections also runs an English-language home page on the Internet which can be found under: www.ishr.org.

18. JUBILEE CAMPAIGN

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Category requested: Special

Date established: 1993 (United Kingdom); 30 May 1991 (United States)

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 4 individual members and 6 organization members in 9 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (pounds):

Income

Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income (voluntary donations from the public)	84 354
Total	84 354

Expenditure

Administration	34 412
Projects	46 855
Other activities	-
Net operating surplus	3 087
Total	84 354

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

Generally, Jubilee Campaign purposes to research and investigate reported allegations of the abuse of human rights worldwide and to publish and act upon the results of such research and investigation, *inter alia*, by providing a forum for the formation and exchange of views on all questions connected with allegations of human rights abuse focusing on abuse of children and religious liberty.

Jubilee Campaign's purposes and activities encompass two areas of competency within the field of human rights. These are: religious freedom and children's rights. Within our areas of competency, Jubilee Campaign seeks to report violations of human rights, implement educational programmes, publish and circulate reliable statistics and data, and distribute reports and resolutions published by the Commission on Human Rights to our affiliates and to groups within which we maintain membership. We purpose to network with other non-governmental organizations, present accurate testimony, make recommendations, facilitate implementation of recommendations of the United Nations commissions, and otherwise within our spheres of influence support the programmes and objectives of the United Nations declarations and covenants.

Jubilee Campaign maintains member affiliates and contacts within countries to which we communicate United Nations resolutions, declarations, programmes, covenants, reports, and other informational resources. We also make fact-finding missions and distribute as widely as possible to the general public and Governments detailed reports and briefing papers that implement United Nations resolutions and principles. We coordinate activities within a number of countries with the objective of seeking to implement United Nations reports and resolutions as these relate to religious liberty, minority rights and children's rights. Jubilee Campaign regularly seeks to meet with governmental leaders and has facilitated parliamentary briefings and hearings on the violation of religious liberty, and to stop the killing of street children, and to prevent the sexual exploitation of children, and has raised awareness of other human rights issues. Finally, since 1990 Jubilee Campaign has annually spoken at the Commission on Human Rights through the International Association for the Advancement of Religious Liberty. Speeches and reports within our areas of competence were presented to Commission delegates.

Jubilee Campaign remains committed to actively expanding the scope of our membership body in order to fulfil the United Nations agenda as these relate to our areas of competency. If granted consultative status, we would enable members of our membership body to assume greater participation in the United Nations context, particularly as it relates to education. We would seek to organize workshops and develop brochures to inform, educate and inspire the public to empathize with and take action implementing United Nations recommendations within our areas of competence.

19. RUSSIAN PUBLIC MOVEMENT "FOR CIVIL RIGHTS"

Address: 10 Novaya Ploschad, 5th floor
103012, Moscow, Russian Federation

Category requested: Special

Date established: 11 April 1997

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 134 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1 January-31 December 1998

Income	
Membership dues	-
Government	-
Intergovernmental organizations	-
Other non-governmental organizations	-
Contracts	-
Other sources	-
Total	-
Expenditure	
Administration	-
Projects	-
Other activities	-
Total	-

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Russian Public Movement "For Civil Rights" shows a zero-sum balance because it has operated in conjunction with, and under the auspices of, another Russian Federation non-governmental organization, the Institute for Regional Development, to carry out joint projects for the past two years. Ms. Tatyana Ermina, founder of the Institute for Regional Development, has recently been appointed Vice-President of the Russian Public Movement "For Civil Rights" and all future funding will go directly to this organization.

The Russian Public Movement "For Civil Rights" was founded in 1997 in support of the principles and aims of Article 55 (Chapter IX) of the Charter of the United Nations with a view to promoting solutions that enable citizens of the Russian Federation to achieve economic and social progress and development; universal respect for, and observance of, the principles of human rights; fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion; and international educational cooperation.

In this respect, the organization carries out educational and informational activities aimed at encouraging political activism and economic activity that promote the development and expansion of democracy, increase the framework for economic, civil and human rights and values, and protect the rights of all citizens in ways that give practical application to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

It accomplishes this by:

(a) Supporting non-partisan political activity to promote federalism, democracy and the rule of law; monitoring legislative initiatives (including social security reform); and encouraging political activism and economic activity through the use of educational programmes and materials;

(b) Cooperating with pertinent State agencies, and legal and individual experts in accordance with its statutory aims and goals;

(c) Organizing and participating in conferences and educational activities that foster intercultural understanding, support educational reform and combat social exclusion for minorities and disadvantaged groups;

(d) Using the media to advocate the protection of the civil, economic, education and human rights of the elderly, abused children, ethnic minorities and women;

(e) Carrying out in-depth research studies including specific aspects of pension issues and their impact on women in the Russian Federation;

(f) Collaborating with other organizations working in the same or similar fields.

If accredited to the Economic and Social Council, the Russian Public Movement "For Civil Rights" will develop programmes to address gender-based violence; and actively participate in United Nations-sponsored conferences and programmes to promote democracy and defend the economic, civil and human rights of the elderly, ethnic minorities, women and children. The organization will also expand its information-sharing activities to encompass relevant sections of the United Nations Secretariat and will offer its expertise to the Commission on Human Rights as well as the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE). In addition, the organization will also monitor implementation by the Russian Federation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Beijing Platform for Action.

20. ALLIANCE MUSULMANE D'ANGOLA

Address: Bairro Palanca, Zona 12, Rua 113, No. 16
C.P. 5434
Luanda
Angola

Category requested: Special

Date established: 25 November 1993

Membership: The organization is a national organization with 420 individual members.

Summary of financial statement (United States dollars):

Income	
Membership dues	1 650
Other income	42 100
Total	43 750
Expenditure	
Administration	1 000
Projects	25 000
Other activities	10 000
Total	36 000

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The objective of ALMUA is to combat the poverty, destitution and intellectual, economic and social deprivation of the Angolan people; offer guidance to and train youth in various areas of social, professional, technical, cultural, athletic and recreational life; provide assistance to the needy; build mosques, rehabilitation centres for the disabled, orphanages, medical centres and children's schools; and defend human, particularly children's, rights.

Activities of ALMUA

ALMUA is involved in the establishment of centres, cooperatives and vocational training schools and also carries out activities in the areas of agriculture; general and cultural education; water purification; literacy; and humanitarian and health assistance.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

ALMUA would provide strong support to the Council by providing human rights activists in Angola; supporting all the recommendations, projects and conclusions emanating from United Nations meetings; and pledging to support the work of the United Nations and to disseminate its principles and activities.

21. FEDERATION OF IJAW COMMUNITIES

Address: 70 Arbery Road
Bow
London E3 5DD
United Kingdom

Category requested: Special

Date established: 24 November 1991

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 5,000 individual members and 25 organizational members in three countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (pounds sterling):

Income	
Membership dues/subscriptions	840
Revenue from contracts	500
Other	1 150
Total	2 490
Expenditure	
Administration	853
Other activities	1 500
Total	2 353

Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Federation of Ijaw Communities (FEDICOM) is the representative umbrella organization for all United Kingdom/EU-based Ijaw community associations/groups. It represents over 5,000 individual members in the United Kingdom/EU, and in Nigeria, FEDICOM represents over 8 million people across the Niger Delta region, encompassing Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Delta, Edo, Ondo and Rivers states. It is an independent, voluntary, non-political, non-commercial, non-profit making, non-governmental organization. Its membership is made up of representatives from every one of the several United Kingdom/EU-based Ijaw community associations/ groups.

Activities

Since its inception on 24 November 1991, its activities have centred around its object of drawing by peaceful means the attention of the international community to the appalling environmental degradation and inhumane living conditions in the oil/gas-rich Niger Delta region of Nigeria. To that end, it attended the World Conference on Human Rights (NGO Forum) in Vienna (10-12 June 1993), and the follow-up Manchester Forum on Sustainable Development (Agenda 21) in October 1994. It has over the years organized various campaigns, workshops, seminars, conferences etc. based on these fundamental issues. In particular, it organized an international conference on the Niger delta area of Nigeria, which led to the formation of an international committee on the Niger Delta, which subsequently came to be known as the Niger Delta Forum. It encompasses all ethnic nationalities of the Niger Delta, including the Ijaw Itshekiri, Isoko, Binis, Urhobos, Ogonis, Ibibios, Ikwerres, Ishans, Kwales, Annags, Ogbas etc., thereby bringing together a diverse set of peoples with diverse cultures and languages for the good of humanity.

It is the hope of FEDICOM to consolidate past achievements (noted above) with cooperation from the Council and to advance its work further by carrying out its planned activities. It is willing and prepared to keep and abide by the ethos, standards, and fundamental principles of the United Nations.

Finally, it appeals to the United Nations to help the helpless, impoverished, powerless Ijaw/Niger delta region of Niger!a. There is no alternative.

22. UNITED WORLD COLLEGES

Address: Lynton House
Tavistock Square
London WC1H 9LT
United Kingdom

Category requested: General

Date established: 19 June 1967

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 20,000 individual members and 120 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (pounds sterling):

Income	
Donations/grants	228 523
College contributions	346 070
Income from operations/sundry income	16 982
Investment income	137 418
Total	728 993
Expenditure	
Scholarships	261 408
Programme/training	147 931
International administration	224 220
Communications	109 924
Total	743 483

Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council

"Through international education, experience, and community service, United World Colleges enables young people to become responsible world citizens, politically and environmentally aware, committed to the ideals of peace and justice, understanding and cooperation, and to the implementation of these ideals through action and personal example."

The mission statement of United World Colleges is as follows: United World Colleges brings together students from all over the world to live and study together at 10 colleges based in the United Kingdom, Singapore, Canada, Swaziland, the United States, Italy, Venezuela, Hong Kong (China), Norway, and India. Selection of students is carried out by more than 100 national committees and is based on merit, irrespective of ability to pay. Students in nine colleges are aged 16-18 and study for the international baccalaureate;

students in the Venezuelan college are aged 18-21 and study for a diploma in farm management.

United World Colleges (UWC), as an organization in active partnership with UNESCO, supports issues related to education and access to education for all. UWC is also active in supporting the rights of young people and the right of access to education for young people who are refugees, and it intends to pursue these goals through working partnerships with the Council and, in particular, with the United Nations special agencies, UNHCR and UNICEF.

UWC students and graduates are collectively involved in community service projects throughout the world, including environmental protection programmes, conflict resolution programmes, African development conferences, rural development and world health issues.

In the area of environmental protection, more than 800 students at four UWC colleges are involved in official water pollution monitoring programmes, and one college maintains an oceanographic research laboratory. In the area of humanitarian assistance programmes, two colleges run accredited search and rescue teams, one of which operates at sea and one in the wilderness, and all students at all colleges assist in community service projects with marginalized children and young people.

Conflict resolution programmes are a major emphasis in all 10 UWC colleges, with students organizing and participating in week-end seminars, special studies weeks and peace institutes. Each year United World Colleges (International) organizes three or four summer programmes which bring together young people, often from troubled areas of the world. In 1998, UWC held summer programmes in the Middle East (Jordan), Lithuania, and Montenegro.

Above all, United World Colleges actively supports the realization of a role for young people in international discussions and decision-making. UWC students are trained, through the academic curriculum of the colleges and extracurriculum activities, to develop enquiring and independent minds and outlooks grounded in an international context. In this spirit, young people would act as representatives for United World Colleges whenever it participates in the work of the Council and the United Nations.

23. ASSOCIATION MAURITANIENNE POUR LE BIEN-ÊTRE ET LE SECOURS DE L'ENFANT ET DE LA MÈRE

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Category requested: Special

Date established: 1994

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 80 individual members and 3 organizational members in one country.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (Mauritanian ouguiyas):

Income

Membership dues	1 035 000
	1 020 600
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	1 163 084
Revenue from contracts, etc.	50 000
Other income	
Contributions from students' parents	1 800 500
Sale of crafts made by cooperatives	2 612 527
Poverty eradication project	325 000
Total	8 006 711

Expenditure

Investment expenses	770 789
Administration (operation)	3 124 529
Projects (human development)	2 257 551
Other activities	4 275 067
Survey and assessment expenses	711 445
Total	11 139 381

Aims and activities of your organization

The Association mauritanienne pour le bien-être et le secours de l'enfant et de la mère is a not-for-profit, non-governmental development and charitable organization. Its objectives are to eradicate poverty; to integrate female heads-of-household into professional life; to improve families' living conditions; to build awareness among and educate youth; to guarantee a better future; to build awareness among, educate and train mothers; and to guarantee the rights of children and mothers.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Association intends to participate by helping the Council to fulfil its role properly; helping to improve relations between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations; participating in United Nations meetings on issues related to our objectives; encouraging the Council to consult and integrate non-governmental organizations for development; promoting the role of non-governmental organizations in political, economic and social changes at the national and international levels; and influencing policies and programmes for populations at the national and international levels.

24. COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL POUR LE RESPECT ET L'APPLICATION DE LA CHARTE AFRICAINE DES DROITS DE L'HOMME ET DES PEUPLES

Address: Case Postale 82
CH 1211 Genève 20
Switzerland
c/o Me R. Kasa Traore
4 rue Kouagan
Lomé
Togo

Category requested: General

Date established: 1988

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 1,752 individual members and 17 organizational members in 47 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (Swiss francs):

Income	
Membership dues	1 200.00
Other income	
Sale of publications	50 300.00
Miscellaneous contributions: Fund-raising	15 765.00
Total	67 165.00
Expenditure	
Administration and projects	29 921.85
Other activities	739.00
Total	30 660.85

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Comité International pour le Respect et l'Application de la Charte Africaine des Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples (CIRAC) is a non-governmental organization established on 10 June 1988, whose main objective is to contribute to the protection and promotion of human rights by promoting knowledge of, compliance with and the implementation of international and regional human rights instruments such as the International Bill of Human Rights and the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

CIRAC attempts to achieve this goal through, *inter alia*, the organization of human rights training seminars and the publication of works and cooperation with other organizations working for the defence of human rights, a sine qua non of world peace.

By thus mobilizing African and international public opinion and by disseminating the humanitarian principles and ideals proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations and in international human rights instruments, CIRAC will undoubtedly help to strengthen the activities and visibility of the Economic and Social Council in the field of human rights and in the pursuit of social progress and peace in Africa and the rest of the world.

25. FELEGE GUIHON INTERNATIONAL

Address: Rue des Charmilles 4
CH-1203 Geneva
Switzerland

Boite postale 552
1211 Geneva 4
Switzerland

Category requested: General

Date established: 1991

Membership: The organization is an international organisation, with 146 individual members in 20 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998/1999 (Swiss francs):

Income	
Membership dues	56 000
Other income	122 200
Total	178 200
Expenditure	
Administration	66 600
Projects	89 600
Other activities	22 000
Total	178 200

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Objectives

FGI supports social and human development, cultural and ecological restoration and measures to maintain the health of populations living near the sources of the Nile and in the countries through which the major African rivers flow. Its objectives are as follows:

(a) Environment - to protect the sources of the major African rivers, particularly those of the Pharaonic Nile;

(b) Social issues - to combat intolerance and uphold the rights of peoples who have been stigmatised and are victims of religious segregation, such as the

Orit* Semites who inhabit the Horn of Africa; to combat genocide in Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda; and to promote the integration of the Ibos in Nigeria;

(c) Health - to improve wellness and prevent disease through a healthy diet, traditional medicine, a healthy lifestyle and sports.

Activities

1. Environment

- Since 1998, it has provided assistance for the settlement of nomads in the Karamoja region of Uganda.
- Since 1999, it has participated in a waste treatment programme for the city of Kampala in order to protect the groundwater sources of the Nile.

2. Social

- 1994 - organization of a seminar in Washington for the rights of the Orit peoples of Ethiopia.
- 1996 - seminar at the University of Nuremberg on resistance, stigma and immigration of the Falashas (Ethiopian Jews).
- May 1997 - seminar in Philadelphia on combating genocide.
- 1998 - organization of an international conference in Belgium on genocide.
- October 1999 - seminar on the integration of the Ibos people in the post-Biafra period.

3. Health

- In Uganda and Nigeria, we are working on a project to build a clinic.
- In Nigeria and the Great Lakes region, we trained groups to play sports.

4. Economic

- Since January 2000, FGI has been cooperating actively with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to eradicate poverty.

Projects

FGI would contribute to the work of the Council in the following areas:

- post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction in Nigeria, Uganda and Rwanda.

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* Orit means Old Testament in Amharic.

- diet and nutrition through education on organic foods;
- communication and information through the establishment of information technology schools;
- water resources through the distribution of drinking water in Uganda;
- the protection of indigenous peoples;
- social integration, protection and security of the Great Lakes populations in Africa;
- health, through the establishment of mobile outpatient clinics in Africa;
- poverty eradication, through close cooperation with the UNDP office;
- development financing, through the search for donors for social reintegration projects.

FGI would cooperate with the aim of providing support in the four main areas of the Council's work: environmental, social, health and economic issues.

26. WORLD COUNCIL FOR PSYCHOTHERAPY

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Austria
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Fax: +43 1 512 05 70
e-mail: wcp.office@psychotherapie.at

Category requested: General

Date established: 13 March 1996

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 265 individual members and 91 organizational members in 59 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars):

Income

Membership dues	10 200
Contributions from Governments	250 000
Contracts	140 000
Other sources	785 000
Total	1 185 200

Expenditure

Administration	49 000
Projects	1 185 200
Total	1 234 200

Aims and activities of your organization

The main aims and activities of the organization are:

(a) To offer and provide psychotherapy experts worldwide;

(b) To cooperate with national and international organizations in peacekeeping and conflict management;

(c) To support all efforts to maintain human rights;

(d) To develop a worldwide network on all psychotherapeutic issues;

(e) To consult authorities in different countries on issues concerning the emotional/psychic sphere of individuals and groups;

(f) To unite all psychotherapists, psychotherapeutic institutes with their different school orientation, psychotherapeutic researchers and their institutes, and their national and international organizations;

(g) Organization of the World Congress for Psychotherapy (every three years);

(h) Organization of local congresses for psychotherapy;

(i) Close cooperation with the European Commission regarding the practice of psychotherapy in the European Union;

(j) Provision of ethical guidelines;

(k) An Internet homepage with general information on psychotherapy;

(l) Active support of educational projects;

(m) Support of research projects.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The WCP would participate in the work of the Council by establishing a network with the Council, organizing an exchange of experts, developing projects, and attending international meetings.

27. INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT LAW

Address: 733 15th Street NW
Suite 420
Washington, D.C. 20005
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 15 October 1992

Membership: ICNL is neither a membership organization nor an association. It is an independent, self-governing, voluntary, non-profit corporation.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars):

Income

Contributions from Governments	942 876
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	189 828
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	123 195
Revenue from contracts etc.	9 943
Other income	7 447
Total	1 273 289

Expenditure

Administration	346 156
Projects	982 743
Total	1 328 899

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The International Center for Not-for-profit Law (ICNL) is an international organization that facilitates and supports the development of civil society. Its purpose is to assist the creation and improvement of laws and regulatory systems that permit, encourage, and regulate voluntary, independent, not-for-profit organizations in countries around the world.

ICNL is engaged in a variety of activities that respond to local needs for the improvement of legal and fiscal enabling environments. In developing a country's institutional capacity to promote and sustain a sound legal environment for civil society, ICNL seeks to establish sound laws and regulations, train and educate lawyers and government officials to understand the sector of not-for-profit organizations, and make it better educated and better organized.

For example, in Central and Eastern Europe, ICNL's technical and legal assistance for the creation of an appropriate not-for-profit legal/fiscal framework has resulted in the development of sound laws governing registration, rights of founders/members, reporting requirements, dissolution, and tax benefits. In responding to the need to increase local capacity through education, research and training, ICNL has developed law school seminar materials that teach local lawyers how to represent not-for-profit organizations and resolve disputes with local authorities.

In the newly independent States, ICNL has produced English and Russian language reports on the legal structure of the not-for-profit sector, funded consultancies in Armenia and Georgia, trained not-for-profit organization leaders from Central Asian Republics, provided technical assistance to legal experts in Moldova, and assisted the Ministry of Justice in Uzbekistan in drafting a new not-for-profit organization law. In the Middle East, ICNL has assisted in the development of new laws governing not-for-profit organizations in the West Bank and Gaza, and Yemen under a contract with the World Bank, and in Egypt under a contract with USAID.

ICNL has actively participated in international organizations and conferences and has published materials on the legal, regulatory, and fiscal framework for the global development of civil society, including handbooks on international standards, principles and best practices for not-for-profit organization laws around the world.

ICNL is interested in participating in the work of the Council particularly as it relates to civil society and participatory economic and social development. ICNL is the only organization that works globally to strengthen the freedom of association by helping to create and improve laws and regulatory systems that permit and encourage civil society, promote self-sustainability for non-governmental organizations, and facilitates the full participation of non-governmental organizations in social and economic development.

28. KYRGYZ COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Address: Ivanitsin str. 123, apt. 87
720011,
Bishkek
Kyrgyzstan

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 20 June 1996

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 400 individual members and 10 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars):

Income	
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	99 383
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	25 000
Total	124 383
Expenditure	
Administration	17 280
Projects	107 103
Total	124 383

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The following programmes are just a part of the work of the Kyrgyz Committee for Human Rights (KCHR):

(a) Programmes against torture. The project against torture has been carried out since 1998. By executing this project the Committee intends to raise citizens' awareness of their general rights and rights pertaining to instruments against torture; to inform international human rights organizations on the situation in penitentiary facilities of Kyrgyzstan and specific cases of torture and maltreatment of convicts and detainees; to collect statistical data on violations of rights of convicts and detainees in Kyrgyzstan; and to urge Kyrgyz authorities to take measures to eliminate mistreatment against persons deprived of their freedom.

(b) Legal assistance. Five legal experts and coordinators in the Bishkek office and in the regional divisions of KCHR receive complaints from citizens whose human rights were violated, provide consultations and represent them in courts free of charge. In 1998, 2,133 citizens turned to KCHR; 196 cases were brought to court, 119 cases were won. KCHR pays special attention to accounts of human rights violations against outspoken political opponents, independent journalists, and media outlets.

(c) Education. In 1998 KCHR conducted nine seminars and workshops dedicated to human rights issues. The seminars are remarkable for the involvement of professors, teachers, human rights activists and non-governmental organization leaders. They deliver lectures on various internacional human rights instruments and specific human rights issues. Discussions are devoted to issues of fair elections and electoral rights. Seminar participants are urged to take part in upcoming elections as independent observers to ensure that no forgery or other violations of electoral rights take place. Last year 24 participants of these seminars acted as members of polling commissions and 48 as independent observers during by-elections. KCHR prepared a report on these elections which was published in Civil Society, a newsletter of the International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights.

(d) In 1998 educational seminars were held in various plants and factories where over 2,000 people received information on the privatization process and its impact on human rights.

(e) Monitoring elections. KCHR monitors elections and referendums in Kyrgyzstan. In 1998 KCHR provided more than 100 observers for a referendum on amending and supplementing the Constitution of Kyrgyzstan. It reported an increased number of violations of the freedoms of association and of expression. Basing on KCHR reports, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch sent their protests against human rights violations to the chief authorities of Kyrgyzstan.

(f) Lobbying and legislative initiatives. KCHR participates in draft-law discussions in the Kyrgyz Parliament and actively offers its suggestions on laws that ensure human rights observance. KCHR also writes letters of protest against laws that allow human rights abuses, and suggests remedies for correcting the law. In 1998 several laws were amended as a result of KCHR's activities. The Committee made suggestions to the new Criminal Procedure Code and to the new Election Code.

(g) Establishing and reinforcing other non-governmental organizations. Two non-governmental organizations were established with the help of KCHR in 1998 – Adam Ukugu (Human Rights) and Tegizchil. Both organisations tackle various aspects of human rights. Tegizchil works in the area of women's rights. The Public Association for Social Protection of Population, established by KCHR in 1997, successfully continues to work for the social and human rights of elderly people. Its contribution to amending the old Law on Pensions was crucial.

29. AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS

Address: American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)
Attn: Timothy R. Fisher, CSP, ARM
Manager, Professional Affairs and Standards
1800 East Oakton Street
Des Plaines, IL 60018
United States of America

(847) 699-2929 (telephone)
(847) 296-9221 (fax)
TFisher@ASSE.Org
http://www.asse.org

Category requested: Special

Date established: 14 October 1911

Membership: The organization is a national organization with 32,600 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	3 010 497
Other income	5 298 756
Total	8 309 253

Expenditure

Administration	254 254
Projects	3 494 770
Other activities	4 631 141
Total	8 380 165

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) was founded in 1911 to protect people, property, and the environment. Due to this almost 90-year commitment, ASSE is dedicated to working with the Economic and Social Council to help put into effect article(s) 55 (a) and (b) of the United Nations Charter. ASSE activities correspond directly with the direction and intent of United Nations activities. ASSE past participation with initiatives directed towards chemical safety and environmental protection are consistent with the May 1994 Council report on toxic chemicals and hazardous wastes.

ASSE has played a key role in the development of many important safety and health programmes and standards. Society members have served on numerous committees, supported key safety and health legislation/regulation, and sponsored safety awareness and professional development activities. Many of its activities address international issues such as the International Chemical Harmonization Project and Statement of Cooperation for the United States/Mexico Border Cooperation Commission. ASSE believes it can provide significant assistance to the United Nations in enhancing occupational safety and health on a worldwide basis.

ASSE has an extensive network of contacts in the private and public sector. It is probably unsurpassed in its access to technological information and materials relating to occupational safety and health and environmental management. Since ASSE positions are based on good science and sound technology, the Economic and Social Council could use its materials and publications with confidence. Finally with its significant resources and large membership, ASSE is in a position to provide long-term assistance to the direction of occupational safety and health and environmental management on an international basis.

30. NON-ALIGNED STUDENTS AND YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Address: Headquarters
21st, Building 19
Baghdad, Adhamia
Iraq

Postal address: P.O. Box 4105
Baghdad
Iraq

Category requested: General

Date established: 30 April 1993

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 101 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	93 200
Other income	29 065
Total	122 265
Expenditure	
Administration	39 388
Projects	70 362
Other activities	23 500
Total	133 250

Aims and activities of your organization

The aims of the Non-Aligned Students and Youth Organization (NASYO) are to assist in strengthening and disseminating the aims and objectives of the United Nations and the non-aligned movement, cooperating with the specialized agencies; working and striving for a better system of world education to enable everyone, without any sort of obstacle, to have a proper education from pre-primary to higher studies; and militating for student rights.

NASYO works with students and youth to achieve the aims and ideals of universality, national liberation, political, economic, social and cultural justice, total equality among nations, solidarity, democracy, national sovereignty and development for peace, security, disarmament and denuclearization, elimination of biological weapons and all weapons of mass destruction, for the widest cooperation between nations and peoples and against all sorts of malpractice, repression and oppression. Believing in the non-aligned conception for a free world democratic society, NASYO works and cooperates with any international, regional and national organization or agency whose aims and objectives are related to civil rights, development, progress, social justice or any other NASYO field of interest.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

NASYO intends to participate in the work of the Council by sharing Council aims and ideals, distributing information on the Council to NASYO members and to those concerned at large, participating and responding to Council activities and events, organizing joint programmes with the Council and other United Nations bodies, mobilizing NASYO member organizations to participate in Council activities.

31. INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

Address: 12501 Old Columbia Pike
Silver Springs, Maryland 20904-6600
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: Incorporated in Washington, D.C., on 16 August 1946

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 10,163,414 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Grants from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church	40,000.00
Other income	
Interest	1 149.23
Fees from World Conference participants	1 000.00
Total	42 149.23
Expenditure*	
Projects	
World Conference, New Delhi	19 225.53
Russian Federation Conference, Moscow	1 000.00
Cameroon Conference	1 000.00
Conference of Experts, Madrid	5 069.00
Production of *Fides et Libertas*	7 231.54
Total	33 526.07
Net increase to IRLA Fund (1999)	8 623.16

Aims and activities of the organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Working from its bases in Washington, New York and Geneva, IRLA will conduct an international symposium in Bermuda (2001) and a world congress in the Philippines (2002).

IRLA will participate in the United Nations World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance.

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* Administrative and support personnel serve on a voluntary basis at no expense to the Association.

IRLA would continue its association with non-governmental organization committees on freedom of religion or belief, human rights and religious organizations at the United Nations.

IRLA would give special attention to those nations whose Governments withhold food, housing, medical care, and education as a means of religious and political control.

In particular, IRLA would continue to note those nations whose Governments tend to identify any religious organizations in pejorative terms.

IRLA would work to protect the fundamental right of every individual to adopt a religion or belief, to change from one religious persuasion or belief system to another and to manifest his or her religion or belief individually and in association with others.

32. MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION

Address: Mailing:
P. O. Box 1808
Washington, D.C. 20013-1808
United States of America

Physical location:
228 E. Capital NE
Washington D.C. 20003
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 15 June 1990

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 2,715 individual members and 47 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	86 810
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	88 104
Other income	
Donations, business	12 832
Donations, individuals	5 568
Conference registrations	25 015
Advertising	1 300
Auction and promotional sales	32 229
Fund-raisers and other activities	5 150
Total	257 008
Expenditure	
Administration	174 571
Projects	29 876
Other activities	15 016
Total	219 413

Aims and activities of the organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) aims to be an advocate for the motorcycle consumer. MRF primarily represents user groups across the United States of America on issues important to our members and to the advancement of motorcycling. Our activities include lobbying state and federal legislative bodies and regulatory agencies on motorcycling issues. MRF hosts educational conferences and seminars to improve grass-roots activity of citizen motorcyclists. MRF is a clearing house for information providing timely and accurate responses to inquiries from members.

Issues worked on include but are not limited to:

As a result of the advocacy work of MRF, the federal Government dramatically increased its helmet-testing programme;

United States Senator DeConcini introduced the Outlaw Street and Motorcycle Gang Control Act of 1991. Input from MRF resulted in the introduction of a new bill without references to motorcycles or motorcyclists and a new definition of "gangs" that focused on criminal activity versus appearance or mode of transportation;

In 1996, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act prohibited employer provided health care plans from denying benefits to motorcyclists;

In 1998, as a result of the Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty-first Century, motorcycles are now included in the development and implementation of the Intelligent Transportation System. Also included: protection for motorcycles from being banned on roads we pay fuel taxes to design, build and maintain.

Currently, one of the biggest concerns at MRF involves the global harmonization of motor vehicle standards. The issues being discussed and dealt with by motorcyclists in Europe (e.g., universal noise standards, emission levels, anti-tampering devices, construction standards) are being considered as global standards. It is the position of MRF that issues of importance to motorcycling must be approached through a cooperative global effort with the United Nations Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies as key forums on debate. With consultative status MRF would be better positioned to provide information to the United Nations on motorcycling issues and keep our members informed of issues relating to motorcycling being discussed at the United Nations.

An example of the value and success of MRF advocacy work is that in the past 10 years MRF has been recognized several times for its advocacy excellence. In particular the American Society of Association Executive has twice honoured MRF for its successes of the past 10 years with its "Award Of Excellence"; in 1996 for the outstanding single-issue programme at the federal level; in 1999 for its outstanding overall government relations programme at the federal level.

33. CENTRE FÉMININ POUR LA PROMOTION DU DÉVELOPPEMENT

Address: B.P. 8376
Yaoundé
Cameroon
Tel: (237) 31 70 51
Fax: (237) 31 89 09

Category requested: Special

Date established: 1994

Membership: The organization is a national organization with 22 individual members and 19 organization and peasant group members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (CFA francs)

Income	
Membership dues	230 000
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts, etc.	8 500 000
Other income	400 000
Total	9 130 000
Expenditure	
Administration	3 700 000
Projects	750 000
Other activities	-
Total	4 450 000

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Centre féminin pour la promotion du développement (CEFEPROD) is a Cameroonian, non-profit non-governmental organization which provides support and counselling. It originated from appraisals of economic, social and legal conditions, which underlined the difficulties encountered by our target population in their efforts at self-management and self-promotion. CEFEPROD is recognized by the Cameroonian Government. Its fundamental objective is to promote the economic, social and juridical development of disadvantaged social groups, through training, information, research and support activities.

The coordinator of CEFEPROD has learned about the processes of the United Nations system, having taken a course on the organization of the United Nations and the Economic and Social Council at the offices of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Turin, Italy. CEFEPROD will contribute to the

dissemination of information on these processes in Cameroon and will serve as a link between the Council and its target population through its newsletter, *Femmes et Action*, while continuing its activities in the areas of the promotion of women, economic and social development, and law.

34. UNITED NATIONS WATCH*

Address: 1 Rue de Varembé
Case postale 191
1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland

Category requested: Special

Date established: 1993

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 89 individual members and 1 organization member in 12 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998

Income	(Swiss francs)	United States dollars
Membership dues	-	-
Contributions from Governments	-	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-	200 000
Revenue from contracts, etc.	-	
Other income	72 199.75	155 464.26
Total	72 199.75	355 464.26
Expenditure		
Administration	551 041.84	-
Projects	21 367.50	-
Other activities	35 559.28	-
Total	607 968.62	-

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The aims of United Nations Watch are to promote the balanced, fair and non-discriminatory application of the United Nations Charter, and to encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all.

To this end, United Nations Watch: monitors United Nations bodies, including the Economic and Social Council and all satellite bodies; performs and publishes studies and analyses; organizes public speeches; and provides educational opportunities in the field of human rights, and exposure to the United Nations system through its fellowship and internship programmes.

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* Authorization to use the United Nations name was given by the Senior Legal Officer, United Nations at Geneva, in a letter to United Nations Watch dated 23 August 1994.

Pursuant to its mandate, United Nations Watch has participated and will continue to participate in the work of the subsidiary and other bodies related to the Economic and Social Council in the following ways:

Direct participation

- Attended and made written and oral submissions to the Commission on Human Rights (1994-1999).

- Contributed, with other non-governmental organizations, to United Nations efforts to reform and enhance the mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights (1999).

- Participated in the work of the first Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities (1994-1998).

- Followed the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Committee Against Torture, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1994-1999).

- Made representations to the Special Rapporteur on torture and the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia.

- Issued a position paper in support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Gaza and lobbied Member States for its funding.

- Attended the Executive Committee of UNHCR (1994-1998), and participated in non-governmental organization pre-Executive Committee consultations (1998).

- In support of the humanitarian goals of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, made statements to the three expert meetings of the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (1997-1999).

- Continued to cooperate with the Special Committee of International Non-Governmental Organizations on Human Rights (Geneva).

- Continued to work with the Committee on Human Rights of the Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations to contribute to the 2001 world conference on racism.

Public information activities

- Sponsored public speaking engagements on the United Nations and the principles of its Charter. Speakers have included Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, Abba Eban, Judge Richard Goldstone, Per Ahlmark and Jeane Kirkpatrick.

- **Made a statement to the Economic and Social Council forum on non-govermmental organizations and development (1996).**

- **At the 1996 Webster University (Geneva) Conference on the theme "War crimes in Yugoslavia: peace or justice", delivered a speech entitled "Geneva and the challenge of humanitarian action in the 1990s".**

- **Published (and continues to publish) a bi-weekly analysis on United Nations-related topics, including the activities of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies. Past issues have covered procedural reform within the treaty body system; calls for greater interaction between the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council; and an appreciation of the work and role of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.**

35. EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIERS

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B-1200 Brussels
Belgium
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Fax: 32.2.732.00.55
e-mail: ls.ayral@clepa.be

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 1959

Membership: The organization is an international organisation, with 2,500 companies members and 16 organization members in 15 countries, representing 1,600,000 individuals.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (euros)

Income	
Membership dues	1 398 368
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	223 389
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	89 027
Total	1 710 784
Expenditure	
Administration	1 404 270
Projects	246 434
Other activities	-
Total	1 650 704

Aims and activities and contribution to the work of the Council

CLEPA is an international non-profit association founded in 1959, which represents, promotes and defends the interests of automobile parts and components manufacturers vis-à-vis national and international legislative authorities and all its economic partners: consumers organizations, industrial associations of vehicle manufacturers, distributors and others in the automotive industry.

The Association also promotes and assists scientific and technological research on products and processes in the field of automotive components and parts, especially with a view to furthering international trade harmonization and the removal of technical barriers. CLEPA supports and promotes the harmonization of regulations concerning transport, automotive components and parts, and vehicles which is dealt with in the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

Within Europe, CLEPA represents about 2,500 companies employing 1,600,000 people.

The Association's position on any subject of interest is determined within working groups, the position on harmonization and removal of technical barriers within a standing technical committee. Then, the Association:

- Advises government representatives and deputies on any issues relating to the automotive industry, as a member of various consultative bodies of the Commission of the European Communities, the European Parliament, the European Council and of working parties of the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Europe;
- Acts as coordinator for projects involving its members and other organizations, mainly in the fields of research and development and training;
- Publishes position papers and periodicals (the latter mainly in the field of training);
- Organizes and/or takes part in conferences/workshops on issues dealing with the automotive sector.

If the Association obtains consultative status with the Council, it will continue to participate in United Nations activities on environment, trade facilitation, road transport and transport of dangerous goods. It will continue to participate actively in the work of the ECE Transport Division, especially in its Working Parties on Road Traffic (WP1) and on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP15) and in the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP29, formerly the Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles). Our Association:

- Will advise contracting parties to United Nations agreements managed by those working parties on the establishment of regulations concerning preservation of the environment and road transport safety;
- Will continue to help contracting parties and the ECE secretariat in drafting such regulations and amendments to existing ones;
- Will organize workshops and seminars on automotive technologies and economics to inform contracting partners, consumer organizations, other industry associations and NGOs.

36. HUMAN RIGHTS INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL

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1290 Versoix
Switzerland
Tel.: 41 22 755 5252
Fax: 41 22 755 5260
e-mail: huridocs@comlink.org

Category requested: Special

Date established: 1982

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 17 individual members and 222 organization members in 79 countries/ territories.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (Swiss francs)

Income	
Membership dues	318 211
Government	
Intergovernmental organizations	346 744
Other NGOs	
Contracts	20 855
Other sources	
Total	685 810
Expenditure	
Administration	305 474
Projects	178 080
Other activities	201 530
Total	685 084

Aims and activities and contribution to the work of the Council

HURIDOCS aims to promote and protect human rights through improvement of monitoring and through the wider dissemination of information about human rights.

The main goals of HURIDOCS are: (a) to increase access to human rights information by developing and promoting monitoring, information handling and communication tools for use by the human rights community; (b) to increase the competence of human rights information and documentation workers through training on tools and techniques of monitoring and information handling and through provision of advice and support; and (c) to strengthen and support networks and other collaborative efforts among human rights organizations in the area of human rights information.

The work of HURIDOCS is carried out through the establishment of task forces which develop various tools, the formation of pools of experts who serve as trainers and consultants; the organization of training courses, workshops, internships and similar activities at various levels, and the convening of conferences and other activities, towards the establishment of regional and thematic networks.

HURIDOCS will continue to participate actively in United Nations-sponsored activities. For one, it will participate and offer its expertise in the work of the Commission on Human Rights, particularly in the areas of human rights education and training, in monitoring the observance of human rights obligations, and in terms of technical cooperation. It also plans to continue working with treaty-monitoring bodies for the development of appropriate monitoring tools.

HURIDOCS will also continue its major thrust of helping in the capacity-building efforts of the human rights community, particularly non-governmental organizations, so that these can participate more meaningfully in activities such as those carried out by the Commission on Human Rights.

Another area where HURIDOCS can provide service to United Nations bodies is in the dissemination of human rights information. A search engine specifically devoted to human rights information will be put into operation in 1999.

37. MILLENNIUM INSTITUTE

Address: 1117 N. 19th Street
Suite 900
Arlington, VA 22209-1708
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 1983

Membership: The organization is an international organization.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Revenue from contracts	637 922.38
Other income	40 642.64
Total	678 565.02
Expenditure	
Administration	153 903.00
Projects	728 900.00
Total	882 803.00[1]

Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Millennium Institute aims to facilitate country-level consensus on sustainable development strategies through its Threshold 21 computer assessment tool. The Institute uses this tool to engage country leaders, non-governmental organizations, United Nations agencies and international leaders in addressing sustainable development issues in several topical areas, including those addressed by Agenda 21, other United Nations global conferences and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework.

In addition, the Institute strives to engage leaders of all the "guiding institutions" (business, education, government, media, and religion) to discuss with each other their respective roles in creating sustainable futures. This "creative engagement" is accomplished primarily through the Parliament of the World's Religions.

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[1] Deficit between total revenue and total expenditures made up of funding carried over from previous years.

The Millennium Institute is using systems technology and the turn of the millennium to catalyze a turn towards a peaceful, just, and sustainable future for all.

The Institute helps national Governments, United Nations agencies and development banks to develop consensus on sustainable development strategies for specific countries. THRESHOLD 21, based on an improved version of the World Bank's economic model, includes demographic, social, environmental and resource sectors totally missing from the Bank's model. Applications are finished or in progress for Bangladesh, Benin, Cambodia, China, Italy, Malawi, Tunisia and the United States.

The Institute would take part in the work of the Council through participation in conferences, seminars, support of United Nations projects in the field of sustainable development, and by assisting other non-governmental organizations to participate more effectively in United Nations activities.

38. SWEDISH ORGANISATION OF DISABLED PERSONS INTERNATIONAL AID ASSOCIATION

Address: Box 4060
102 61 Stockholm
Sweden

Category requested: General

Date established: 15 January 1981

Membership: The organization is an international organization with organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (Swedish kroner)

Income

Membership dues	1 875 000
Governments	29 825 000
Other non-governmental organizations	298 000
Contracts	(1 530 000)
Total	31 998 000

Expenditures

Administration	4 885 000
Projects	20 592 000
Other activities	6 555 000
Total	32 032 000

Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Swedish Organization of Disabled Persons International Aid Association is a subgroup of Solidarity Humanity International Aid (SHIA), a Swedish non-governmental organization specializing in development cooperation with persons with disabilities in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe. SHIA consists of 19 Swedish organizations of the disabled and altogether SHIA's member organizations support about 80 projects in 24 countries. The overall aim of SHIA is to strengthen the human rights of persons with disabilities. To achieve a sustainable change and improvement in the situation of disabled people, a fundamental change of attitude is requested. Along with the United Nations Year of the Disabled in 1981 the disability movement fought under the slogan "A society for all". By this they wanted to put forward a vision of a society that recognizes the value of all people and makes use of the different abilities of its citizens. This might sound as utopian but it expresses an outlook that is essential if development is to include everyone.

Together with cooperating partners, SHIA is also involved in different awareness-raising activities with regard to the situation of persons with disabilities in developing countries. Another important task is to encourage other bodies involved in development work to mainstream persons with disabilities into their policies, strategies and operations.

SHIA would participate in the different activities carried out by the Council and hope to be able to share its extensive knowledge on the situation of persons with disabilities in developing countries and how to strengthen their rights. SHIA is an organization of disabled people and is therefore almost exclusively represented by persons with disabilities from the Northern and Southern hemisphere. Persons with disabilities possess the best knowledge of their own situation and are also the most suitable to, in cooperation with others, find solutions in different fields of concern.

39. UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI KANSAS CITY WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Address: 5100 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, MO 64110
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 14 October 1983

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 458 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997-1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	4 875
Other income	
Gifts to Graduate Assistance Fund (GAF)	90 337
GAF Endowment earnings	50 438
Starr Education Endowment earnings	30 836
Programme/allocation	10 542
Total	187 028
Expenditure	
Administration	1 853
Projects	8 170
Other activities	
GAF Grants/aid	50 438
Starr Symposium	30 836
Newsletter/misc.	4 059
Total	95 356

Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC) Women's Council, established in 1967, has worked for 32 years to advance the status of women through education and information. The first programme to achieve this mission was the Graduate Assistance Fund (GAF) Endowment, supporting domestic and international women students through fellowships and grants. Since 1971, 781 women have received $487,611 in assistance from the GAF. The organization continuously works to increase the endowment to provide even greater resources to support women students. The effects of investing in educating women are well documented in all nations.

The second programme to achieve the mission of the UMKC Women's Council was the Starr Symposium. The programme began in 1993 and is supported by the Starr Education Endowment. The mission of the Symposium is to address women's issues and family concerns. Nationally and internationally known experts and government leaders participate in the symposia to work with community leaders to examine ways to eliminate barriers that face women and affect their children. Past participants in Starr Symposia include Gertrude Mangella, Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky, Theresa Loar, and Gracia Hillman. These symposia directly support the work of the Commission on the Status of Women and the objective to have non-governmental organizations and civil society fully invested in furthering the goals of the Platform for Action by generating support for public policy measures. The UMKC Women's Council has had exceptional success through the Starr Symposia in building coalitions with other local non-governmental organizations to foster informed dialogue on such topics as the need for partnership between women and men, on girls' relationships with boys, and how the built environment affects women and children.

The UMKC Women's Council sent representatives to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women, to the Commission on the Status of Women preparatory meeting for "Women 2000: Gender, Equality, Development and Peace for the Twenty-first Century" and the Hague Appeal for Peace. With recognition by the Council as having special consultative status, the organization would participate in the June 2000 special session and at future conferences and meetings to gather the information necessary to provide local awareness and promote action on existing and emerging issues. Special consultative status would provide the opportunity to share information with the Council, as described in resolution 1996/31, parts IV and V.

40. A WOMAN'S VOICE INTERNATIONAL

Address: 713 WSW Loop 323, Suite 205
Tyler, Texas 75701
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 19 June 1995

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 20 individual members in three countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	2 000.00
Other income	21 637.24
Total	23 637.24
Expenditure	
Projects	18 065.00
Other activities	4 767.43
Total	21 637.24

Aims and activities of your organization and its anticipated participation in the work of the Council

A Woman's Voice International is a non-governmental organization whose mission is to assist women and female adolescents in breaking the cycle of illiteracy and poverty that leads to victimization. Those we serve fall into the following categories: poor women with limited opportunities who are least likely to be considered of value by society, women regarded as second class citizens, victims of human rights abuses and domestic violence, including victims of inhumane practices such as female genital mutilation. In this respect, our activities correspond fully to the implementation of the Platform for Action adopted at the 1995 United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women.

Currently, our work includes the establishment of the New Hope Women's Center, located in Siliguri, West Bengal (textile training) and the construction of the Women's Vocational School (computer sciences), Vizag, India, including literacy training for lower-caste untouchables and tribal women.

Several years ago we launched Project Innocence, a unique multifaceted programme to abolish female genital mutilation in Kisii, Kenya. To achieve our goals and commitment to economic security and economic justice, we also award microenterprise loans to leaders or individuals whose influence as spokespersons is of assistance.

Further our aim is to create national awareness as well as individual involvement in the issues affecting 95 percent of the world's women as we develop our networking abilities, particularly in the areas of information, education, creativity and identification of indigenous resources with other organizations.

Based on our previous involvement in the human rights arena and on our ongoing activities, we could benefit the United Nations as follows:

(a) Make assessments and assist in programme planning;

(b) Give voice to the issues affecting the unrepresented South, thus improving balance within the global community;

(c) Serve as a consultative resource for conferences and meetings;

(d) Create new ways of integrating our research;

(e) Act as a catalyst between the private sector and other United Nations agencies;

(f) Address and evaluate the implications and consequences of cultural issues in a broader social context;

(g) Give voice to under-represented people in intergovernmental forums.

41. MOUNTAIN WOMEN DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Address: **Head office**
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Gilgit
Northern Areas
Pakistan

Postal address
P. O. Box 1780
Islamabad
Pakistan

Category requested: Special

Date established: 17 May 1995

Membership: the organization is a national organization with 105 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (Pakistan rupees):

Income

Membership dues	0
Contributions from Government	360 000
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	0
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	0
Revenue from contracts etc.	788 500
Other income	136 900
Total income	1 285 400

Expenditure

Administration	53 403
Projects	1 127 001
Other activities	100 208
Total expenditure	1 280 612

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

Mountain Women Development Organization (MWDO) was started in the Northern Areas of Pakistan in 1995. The non-governmental organization is working to eradicate gender discrimination against women in the Northern Areas. The goal was to provide various avenues through which women could develop a higher standard of living through gender awareness and equity, access to education, improved health services, and knowledge of their rights. By 1999, several projects were in place, a Crisis Intervention Centre, a Hostel for Girls in Islamabad, a Microcredit Scheme and a Reproductive Health Centre. The organization has participated in many workshops and conferences, like the Fourth

World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, the Association for Women in Development (AWID) - Forum 1996, the Microcredit Summit held in 1997 and so forth. It held its own conference on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Commission on Human Rights, entitled "Women's Voices Against Violence (WAVE 98)".

MWDO believes in creating awareness and change through:

(a) Providing interventions and services for women victims of violence;

(b) Women's human resource development through education and skill enhancement to enable them to enjoy equal human rights;

(c) Women's economic independence by providing job opportunities and microcredit schemes;

(d) Advocating women's reproductive health rights and other health issues;

(e) Evolving a cost-effective and long-lasting mechanism to reduce discrimination against women.

Mountain Women Development Organization will actively participate in United Nations-sponsored meetings on human rights, including women and children's rights. MWDO is committed to carrying on all the activities, projects and publications to ensure the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and other conventions on child rights and human rights. This organization will continue to disseminate all the information regarding United Nations work among the communities and within the networks. The organization will always look for opportunities to lend its research and activities to areas of interest to the Council inasmuch as they concern defence of the rights of women and children or any responsibility extended by the United Nations or any other organs like UNIFEM, UNICEF and WHO.

42. AFRICA INFRASTRUCTURES FOUNDATION

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Shomolu, Lagos, Nigeria

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Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria
Tel/Fax: 234 1 493 1809
Email: pac@nova.net.ng

Category requested: Special

Date established: April 1995

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 43 individual members and 12 organizational members in eight countries.

Summary of financial statement for the year 1998

Income	$
Membership dues	18 650
Contributions from Governments	100
Other income	40 000
Total	58 750
Expenditure	
Administration	20 000
Projects	30 000
Other activities	11 500
	61 500

Aims and activities: participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Aims

(a) To ensure that Africa's infrastructures are operational and efficient at all times;

(b) To mobilize intellectual, technical and financial resources to sustain Africa's infrastructures;

(c) To support community development projects and debt relief programmes;

(d) To provide active support on research, consultation, association, economics, finance, planning, design, management, restoration/renewal and construction of Africa's infrastructures;

(e) To disseminate and manage information, raise awareness, provide development education, advocate and formulate policies and participate in joint operational projects;

(f) To alleviate poverty through sustained infrastructures;

(g) To combat corruption in infrastructure administration in Africa;

(h) To seek partnership with the United Nations and its organs to sustain Africa's infrastructures;

(i) To provide institutional support to Governments of Africa;

(j) To work with development organizations and non-governmental organizations of similar persuasion.

Anticipated participation in the activities of the Council

AIF intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by:

(a) Consultation;

(b) Policy articulation and formulation;

(c) Research and consultancy;

(d) Attendance at meetings through authorized representatives;

(e) Presentation of papers on special subjects;

(f) Oral presentations at meetings, conferences, seminars;

(g) Special studies/project services;

(h) Contributions in areas related to its aims and objects;

(i) Advocacy.

The Foundation would provide the above services in poverty alleviation and in all of the relevant United Nations bodies.

43. ANTIOCH CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Address: Copperworks Road, Llanelli
Carmarthenshire, Wales
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
SA15 2NH

Category requested: Special

Date established: 29 January 1992

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 11,400 individual members and 87 organizational members in seven countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1997-1998

Income	$
Membership dues	56 854
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	31 500
Other income	119 051
Total	207 135
Expenditure	
Administration	20 236
Other activities	207 782
Total	228 018

Aims and activities; participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Aims

(a) To advance the temporal and eternal well-being of adults, youth and children through a biblical understanding of the Kingdom of God;

(b) To provide gathering points for adults, youth and children to receive training and education in all issues to do with family;

(c) The rehabilitation of persons suffering from varying forms of addictions - drugs, drink etc.;

(d) The establishment of residential properties for those in need of serious emotional and mental support;

(e) To provide learning and support for the unemployed to establish local businesses;

(f) The giving of financial, material and social aid or relief to persons in need;

(g) To work towards the relief of poverty.

Activities

(a) Youth clubs;

(b) Training courses;

(c) Conferences;

(d) Rehabilitation programmes;

(e) Special projects;

(f) Providing consultation and counselling services.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

As a non-governmental organisation, Antioch Christian Centre recognizes that the United Nations reflects the changing dynamics of our time through globalization. For this reason, it has a strong desire to contribute to the understanding it has gained to the work of the Council. It already has experience of United Nations conferences. It would within a year of receiving accreditation set up an office in New York to help facilitate its involvement. It would then be able regularly to involve itself in the openings that are provided for non-governmental organizations. Having established the office in New York, it would then consider another one close to the United Nations base in Geneva. Through its international connections and general international experience, it is able to travel to conferences that are held in other parts of the world as they are set up by the United Nations.

44. KITAKYUSHU FORUM ON ASIAN WOMEN

Address: No. 11-4 Otemachi
Kokura Kita-Ku, Kitakyushu City
Fukuoka Prefecture
Japan

Category requested: Special

Date established: October 1990

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 204 individual members in 25 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (Yen)

Income	
Contributions from Governments	96 000 000
Revenue from contracts, etc.	312 402 042
Other income	9 446 836
Total	417 848 878
Expenditure	
Administration	62 930 139
Projects	55 828 565
Other activities	298 953 616
Total	417 712 320

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Kitakyushu Forum on Asian Women (KFAW) carries out studies and research, promotes international personnel interchange and provides training courses, and gathers and sends to overseas sources a wide range of information regarding women and their problems in Asia, focusing on environmental development and women's role, with the aim of pursuing improvement in their social status and enhancing their sense of solidarity. It operates under the themes "Let's learn", "Let's commune" and "Let's cooperate".

As part of its special projects, KFAW has been entrusted by Kitakyushu City to manage the Kitakyushu Municipal Women's Centre. It has also been entrusted by an extradepartmental body of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to provide senior administrative officials from developing nations with international training courses (seminars) on bettering the social status of women in Asia and/or on environmental development in the region.

In order to fulfil a requirement set by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), KFAW established the National UNIFEM Committee in Japan in 1992, in cooperation with two other organizations, and has become a regular member of the Committee. It also founded UNIFEM KITAKYUSHU (a regional UNIFEM Committee) in 1994, which plays an active part in carrying out fund-raising campaigns and/or holding seminars every year to contribute to UNIFEM. It is the sincere desire of KFAW to continue to contribute to the development of UNIFEM in future.

KFAW would be ready to play an active part in promoting personnel interchange with individuals and organizations in the Asian and Pacific region in order to pursue the betterment of women in that region. In addition, KFAW would make every possible effort to help women in the Asian and Pacific region to secure their human rights and inspire them to become independent economically. For that purpose, KFAW intends to work in concert with individuals and organizations having the same object and aspiration in the region and to further study the role of women in coping with environmental issues in terms.

45. International Possibilities Unlimited

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Washington, D.C. 20017
United States of America
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Category requested: Special

Date incorporated: 30 December 1997

Membership: There are no individual memberships.

Financial statement for the year extending from January to December 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Government	-
Grants	40 000
Other income	7 942
Total	47 592
Expenditure	
Salaries/benefits	22 065
Consultants	1 310
Travel	3 375
Equipment/supplies	6 148
Training	1 315
Printing/telephone/postage	4 604
Rent/fees	4 446
Miscellaneous	559
Total	43 822

Aims and activities

The aims and objectives of International Possibilities Unlimited (IPU) are to increase and expand the scope of human rights protection and to increase momentum around the elimination of racism worldwide, with emphasis on anti-black racism. With special consultative status, IPU will use a substantial portion of its resources internationalizing its domestic advocacy to eliminate institutional racism. IPU will facilitate a series of activities involving key human rights treaty bodies, including writing a summary shadow report on environmental racism globally, convening public forums and taking delegations to Committee sessions when the United States of America submits its periodic reports. IPU will also begin to draw public attention to the fact that the United States is one of only two countries that have yet to ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and therefore domestic non-governmental organizations should mobilize to ensure ratification.

In support of Economic and Social Council priorities, IPU will regularly attend sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and take a variety of delegations to those sessions based on systemic racism and related themes. IPU will submit written intervention at the Commission on those themes and make oral intervention to help increase awareness of the racist practices in United States public policy in order to begin to strongly encourage the United States Government to fully implement those instruments of human protection to which it has acceded. IPU will also submit several case studies and reports to both the Commission and the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights on the intersection of race, class and gender in United States domestic policies. In those studies, IPU will highlight several best practices as well as demonstrate the need for greater governmental commitment to expanding those practices, but, ultimately, to totally eliminating institutional racism.

Finally, IPU will build on its effort to increase non-governmental organization participation in United Nations world conferences, preparatory committee sessions and preparatory meetings as well as regular United Nations sessions. Though the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance is central in respect of launching IPU's United Nations conference-related work, the intersection of a range of issues that are addressed in other world conferences makes those forums important arenas in which to advance IPU's efforts to internationalize its domestic advocacy. Therefore, IPU will also engage in issues related to the following areas of work of the Economic and Social Council: the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Human Rights Committee, the Committee against Torture, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. These efforts that grow from the Council's priorities will not only improve IPU's domestic advocacy but also increase its effectiveness as an international ally in the global movement to eliminate racism.

46. Rainforest Foundation

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Fax: +44 (0)20 7251 49 69
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Category requested: Special

Date established: 21 April 1989

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with about 750 individual supporters in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Summary of financial statement for the year 1999 (pounds sterling)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	74 788
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts	-
Other income	435 846
Total	510 624
Expenditure	
Administration	77 830
Projects	237 389
Other activities	36 303
Total	351 522

Aims and activities

The aims and activities of the Rainforest Foundation United Kingdom are the following:

(a) Conserve or assist in the conservation of the rainforests of the world;

(b) Advance the education of the general public with regard to the need to conserve the rainforest and other natural resources of the world and the balance of such resources for the long-term benefit of the human race and other living things therein;

(c) To relieve sickness among the inhabitants of the rainforest by the provision of medical care;

(d) To protect and preserve the health of those inhabitants through the medium of health education;

(e) To promote education suitable for the said inhabitants.

We are fulfilling the above-mentioned objectives by supporting indigenous peoples and traditional populations of the world's rainforests in their efforts to protect their environment and fulfil their rights by assisting them in:

(a) Securing and controlling the natural resources necessary for their long-term well-being and managing these resources in ways that do not harm their environment, violate their culture or compromise their future;

(b) Developing means to protect their individual and collective rights and obtain, shape and control basic services from the State.

This is done through funding projects in tropical forest areas, managed by indigenous peoples or locally based non-governmental organizations. We are also carrying out education work in the United Kingdom, by providing information to schools and students on request. Finally, we educate the general public about the environment and social impacts of European Community development cooperation activities and encourage the European Commission to increase its awareness of these issues in its work.

We intend to contribute to the activities of the Economic and Social Council in particular by providing information to the following bodies:

(a) United Nations Forum on Forests;

(b) Commission on Human Rights and its subsidiary organs, in particular the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and the Working Group on Indigenous Populations;

(c) Permanent Forum for Indigenous Peoples;

(d) Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

We also intend to facilitate access by our local partner organizations to these forums, as well as to assist them in submitting information to these bodies.

47. Confederation of European Forest Owners

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Belgium
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Category requested: Special

Date established: 21 June 1996

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 18 organizational members in 18 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (Belgian francs)

Income

Membership dues	4 110 500
Other income	20 000
Total	4 130 500

Expenditure

Administration	3 674 000
Other activities	500 000
Total	4 174 000

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF) has as its objective to promote the common interests of forest owners with woodlands in the European Union. CEPF formulates a common forestry policy strategy of the national member organizations with the aim of achieving a balance, on a socially responsible basis, between the interests of the private forest owners, on the one hand, and social demands on forests, on the other. The guiding principle of CEPF is to maintain and strengthen the diverse functions of forest ownership.

CEPF would like to contribute its expertise in European private forestry matters to forest policy processes at the United Nations (e.g., with the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests).

An exchange of information and experiences with private forest owner associations from other parts of the world would facilitate mutual understanding of forestry matters around the world.

The promotion of private forest ownership leads to a sustainable, ecological and socially sound management of the precious resources of forest and wood.

48. Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya

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P.O. Box 46324
Nairobi, Kenya
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Fax: 254-2-714629

Category requested: Special

Date established: 11 March 1993

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 350 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Grants	478 403
Membership, sales of publications, consultations	50 437
Other	1 875
Total	530 715
Expenditure	
Administration	209 845
Projects	161 661
Other	240 598
Total	612 104

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya (FIDA/Kenya) was founded in the context of the Third United Nations Conference on Women, held in Nairobi in 1985. FIDA/Kenya is a registered non-profit, non-partisan membership organization of women lawyers and women law students committed to creating a society that is free of all forms of injustices and discrimination against women.

FIDA/Kenya realizes that although women form the majority of the Kenyan population and play an active and significant part in the development of its society, they face major systemic obstacles that prevent them from the full enjoyment of their rights and privileges.

FIDA/Kenya offers quality legal services to a limited number of women. FIDA creates awareness of legal rights and educates women on how to claim them through self-representation in courts. It researches, monitors, and reports on women's rights violations. It lobbies and advocates for the reform of laws and policies that discriminate against women, and it undertakes transformative social/public interest litigation.

With consultative status with the Council, the Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya would be able to participate more effectively at the Commission on the Status of Women and therefore improve its capacity to work in enhancing the legal and human rights status of women in Kenya as an internationally informed non-governmental organization. Once the Government of Kenya begins regular submission of its reports to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Federation of Women Lawyers in Kenya intends to produce shadow reports under the auspices of the Women's Rights Monitoring and Report Writing Programme.

FIDA/Kenya would attend annual sessions of the Commission and convene workshops for women's non-governmental organizations in Kenya to provide feedback. It would continue publishing annual and quarterly reports on the legal status of Kenyan women under the Women's Rights Monitoring and Report Writing Programme. It would hold workshops for non-governmental organizations and policy makers on international human rights instruments. Work on legal reform to ensure the emergence of laws that are responsive to the needs of women would continue. Information on joint initiatives necessary for non-governmental organization collaboration in women's human rights work at the international level would be disseminated via ad hoc bulletins and the Internet.

49. International Planned Parenthood Federation (European Region)

Address: 146 Rue Royale
B-1000 Brussels
Belgium

Category requested: General

Date established: 20 February 1967

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 37 organizational members in 37 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Contributions from Governments	744 935
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	370 860
Other income	2 288 088
Total	3 403 883
Expenditure	
Administration	321 016
Projects	2 590 743
Total	2 911 759

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The mission of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)-European Region is to advance, defend and protect the basic human right of all people to make free and informed choices in their sexual, emotional and reproductive lives; to strive for the development and provision within Europe of a range of accessible health information, education and clinical services, of high quality regarding sexuality and sexual identities, conception, contraception and safe abortion.

Since many of the region's countries are important development aid donor countries, the member organizations strive to promote the importance of sexual and reproductive health and rights in development aid, in accordance with the Cairo Programme of Action and the Beijing Platform for Action.

The activities of IPPF-European Region include:

(a) NGO development and capacity-building: It provides technical support in setting up and building capacity of democratically structured family planning associations (FPAs) in the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and with project implementation;

(b) Protecting women's rights: FPAs in Western, Central and Eastern Europe campaign for sexual and reproductive rights (SRR) to be recognized in legislation

and society, and for the full participation of women in the process. In Eastern Europe, in particular, women's rights are marginalized and often ignored by health systems, and laws guaranteeing women's rights, particularly SRR, are vulnerable;

(c) International advocacy: FPAs and regional office staff participate in regional and international conferences of the United Nations as well as in European conferences in the context of the EU and the Council of Europe, and work with national parliamentarians. This includes advocacy for the situation in the Europe region as well as in the developing world in European donor and potential donor countries;

(d) Projects: The IPPF/European Region regional office and member organizations implement projects covering a wide range of issues.

IPPF/European Region works closely with UNFPA and WHO. It is planning to participate in the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (May 2001), the World Summit on Children (September 2001) and the United Nations conference on HIV/AIDS (Barcelona, 2002), and to contribute to sessions of the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Population and Development.

50. Nonviolence International

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Fax: 1-202-244-6396
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Web site: www.igc.org/nonviolence/

Category requested: Special

Date established: 12 May 1989

Membership: The organization is an international organization; it is not membership-based.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Other non-governmental organizations (private foundations)	14 304
Contracts	4 500
Other sources	19 613
Total	38 417
Expenditure	
Administration	12 332
Projects	10 119
Other activities	8 851
Total	31 302

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Nonviolence International was founded in 1989 with the intent of providing assistance to individuals, organizations and Governments seeking non-violent means to bring about social and political change. It envisions strengthening people's ability to use the power of non-violence as a means to bring about changes that reflect the truth of justice and the desire for human development on personal, social, economic and political levels. It believes that every cultural and religious tradition in the world contains the seeds of truth through non-violence, and it encourages activists of different traditions to seek non-violent solutions that respect their cultural identities.

In order to act on this philosophy, Nonviolence International provides general educational materials on non-violent action from all traditions as well as hands-on strategy sessions and training for activists and organizers through the coordination of teams of international experts. Nonviolence International sponsors local, national and international conferences and seminars and offers training programmes and educational material on non-violent action. Nonviolence International also provides

a core group of international non-violent action specialists to groups or Governments seeking alternative possibilities for peace, and cooperates with other non-violence, peace and *conflict-resolution organizations internationally* to work together towards a common goal. The organization prints and disseminates articles, newsletters and position papers on non-violence and provides public education through speakers and media. Finally, Nonviolence International presents an annual award to the individual or group that best exemplifies the principles and practices of non-violence and conflict resolution in a major conflict situation and carries out other legal activities in pursuit of non-violence and conflict resolution.

Members of Nonviolence International (United Nations Liaison Office) would attend the open sessions of the upcoming United Nations Conference on Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons and its Preparatory Committee meetings. The Liaison Office would also organize and participate in parallel NGO activities. Other planned activities include sending Nonviolence International respresentatives to make presentations at future sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and inter-sessional committees of the treaty banning landmines.

51. World Permanent Organization for Jamahiriyan Youth

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Category requested: General

Date established: 18 November 1990

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 421 individual members in 37 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	23 380
Contributions from Governments	30 000
Revenue from contracts, etc.	182 745
Total	236 125
Expenditure	
Administration	40 971
Projects	132 344
Other	8 970
Total	182 285

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The aims are:

(a) To create youth links aiming to serve youth justice;

(b) To discover, develop and train youth talents for serving humanity;

(c) To deepen the links with other world youth establishments to define youth;

(d) To utilize youth activities to contribute to providing assistance for refugees and immigrants;

(e) To contribute to serving human culture in all of its aspects;

(f) To cooperate with other organizations which work for disarmament and the abandonment of atomic, chemical and all other destructive weapons;

(g) To strongly oppose environment destruction;

(h) To play a major role in the fight against drugs and the abuse of alcohol, and to stop addiction.

52. Hope for Africa

Address: 5276 Biffle Road
Stone Mountain, Georgia 30088
United States of America

Category requested: General

Date established:

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 15 individual members in five countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	300
Other income	35 349
Total	35 649
Expenditure	
Administration	16 816
Projects	20 000
Total	36 816

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Hope for Africa, Inc. (HFA) is an international non-profit and non-governmental organization headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. All administrative functions for corporate-wide operations are carried out from the international headquarters. HFA's goal is to create a resource centre, or "hub", for sustainable development on the African continent. The resource centre will be called the International Center for African Development (ICAD). ICAD, as envisioned by HFA, will initially consist of three divisions that will be responsible for achieving specific objectives related to HFA's mission and goals. ICAD will be located on the African continent (West Africa), close to the beneficiary groups to be served and assisted. The primary beneficiaries of ICAD services will be the people of the African continent but will also include Africans in the diaspora (African-Americans, Afro-Caribbeans etc.) The secondary beneficiaries of ICAD services will be institutions and organizations that affect the lives of the primary beneficiaries such as the United Nations, Governments, African and non-African private businesses, universities, primary/secondary schools, heath care agencies/hospitals, international relief organizations, non-governmental organizations etc.

Each ICAD division or United States component has specific responsibilities for programmes and services germane to HFA's goal of creating sustainable development capacity for the African continent and related services for Africans in the diaspora. The three initial ICAD divisions are:

(a) Quality of Life Division

The Quality of Life Division (QUALIFE) will initiate programmes and services designed to improve the quality of life of ICAD's primary beneficiaries. The programmes and services offered by ICAD will be provided directly, in cooperation with or in support of existing efforts by Governments, the United Nations, international relief organizations, private companies, and local communities/villages. QUALIFE will coordinate all cooperative co-ventures with outside organizations that fall within the purview of the division's sphere of interest.

(b) Education and Technology Division

The Education and Technology Division (EDTECH) will have responsibility for a wide range of educational and technology transfer services. Technology transfer will receive special emphasis as it will focus on the use of computer automation and its application in the fields of education, business, government etc.

(c) Economic Development and Assistance Division

The Economic Development and Assistance Division (EDAD) is one of the key components of ICAD. It will enhance the entrepreneurial and business development skills of local people through an entrepreneurial training centre; create a "business incubator" facility within the ICAD complex that will make numerous business support resources available to African- and non-African-owned businesses; develop an in-house capital access centre with HFA resources that can provide debt and equity capital to small business enterprises for development, growth and expansion; provide business brokering services to American-owned businesses and African-owned businesses and/or individuals for the purpose of match-making to facilitate the business development and expansion interest of all parties; develop and host economic and business development conferences and seminars on topics of interest to American, European, Asian and African business owners/individuals; develop, design and sponsor trade fairs and summits that encourage and enhance trade between neighbouring African countries and the international business community; provide business planning, marketing research, economic studies, management consulting and related business development services to African and non-African business enterprises; develop a research database on subject matter that may be of interest to international as well as African businesses for selected African nations;

(d) African Agricultural Development Division (AfrAg)

The African Agricultural Development Division (AfrAg) focuses on agricultural research and development, along with crop improvement, increased crop production, and agribusiness expansion. One of the major areas of interest is the re-establishment of traditional African crops as the mainstays of food production in various countries. Many African countries abandoned traditional crops in favour of crops introduced by colonial powers during their domination of the continent. AfrAg would work cooperatively with Governments, the United Nations, the United States Agency for International Development, non-governmental organizations, and other entities involved in agricultural development as part of a sustainable development strategy for the African continent.

53. International Environmental Law Research Centre

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Switzerland
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Category requested: Special

Date established: 8 January 1995

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 194 individual members in 17 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (Swiss francs)

Income

Membership dues	5 000
Revenue from contracts etc.	30 000
Other income	290 000
Total	325 000

Expenditure

Administration	42 000
Projects	285 000
Total	327 000

Aims and activities of your organization

The International Environmental Law Research Centre (IELC) seeks generally to promote sustainable patterns of world development through collaborative research, policy studies, consensus-building and public information. With a focus on issues of equity and justice, IELC works in an interdisciplinary way, addressing the connections between law, the environment and human needs.

IELC also seeks to establish and maintain a dialogue between researchers in the North and the South on cutting-edge theoretical and practical issues pertinent to IELC's objectives.

IELC's work is undertaken with, or on behalf of, community groups, the academic community, international agencies, Governments, foundations, non-governmental organizations and the people they represent.

IELC generates policy-relevant research; serves as a platform for the exchange of ideas on environment, development and human rights issues; is a resource centre for information and expertise on law, environment, development and human rights; and provides legal advice and representation to individuals and groups on violations of international law in the field of environment and human rights. It also strives to develop training materials and programmes in law, environment, development and human rights for enhancing individuals' and local communities' involvement in and awareness of diverse issues affecting them.

The Centre carries out research projects, organizes conferences, symposia, training seminars and workshops. It offers consultancy services on international environmental issues, undertakes research and publishes materials on international environmental law and policy and human rights.

The Centre has five programme areas: on climate change, on natural resource management, on agro-biodiversity, on human rights, development and environment, and on gender, development and environment.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Centre intends to contribute to the work of human rights bodies (including the Commission on Human Rights and its subcommission and the treaty committees), the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Committee on Natural Resources, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and other bodies. It would send a representative to attend substantive sessions and to submit written and oral statements on matters related to the Centre's areas of expertise.

54. Japan Civil Liberties Union

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Japan
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Category requested: Special

Date established: 20 January 1951

Membership: The organization is a national organization with 630 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (Japanese yen)

Income

Membership dues	9 893 650
Other sources	55 005 639
Total	64 899 289

Expenditure

Administration	12 115 309
Projects	6 715 541
Total	18 830 850

Aims and activities of your organization

Japan Civil Liberties Union was founded for the protection of fundamental human rights in 1947. It has been active in the elimination of discrimination against women, ethnic minorities, HIV sufferers handicapped persons, and mental patients. Its objectives correspond fully to those of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international treaties for human rights.

The main activities are:

(a) To study and draw up new policies and bills to protect and promote concrete human rights and advocate them to relevant national agencies;

(b) To disseminate ideas on human rights through public lectures, seminars and publications;

(c) To carry out consultations on human rights for the general public by member attorneys for the protection of individual human rights;

(d) To send its members as lecturers at seminars held by companies and local governments;

(e) To observe and promote the implementation of human treaties by attending and presenting non-governmental organization independent reports to the treaty committees under the Economic and Social Council.

The reports of the treaty committees have been used to evaluate the situation of civil liberties in Japan in terms of the universal standards of human rights. Current work on a bill to establish a national human rights commission is a good example of how the Council has supported the Union's work.

Research and consultations carried out by the Union show the status of the implementation of treaties in Japan. In 1984, the Union reported to the Commission on Human Rights that patients of psychic medicine had encountered discrimination. The cases were also included in independent reports to the treaty committees. This is an example of how the Union has supported the Council's work.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Considering the importance of international human rights standards, the Japan Civil Liberties Union would continuously involve itself in cooperative and interactive activities with the Council. Consultative status would allow it to strengthen its international human rights activities, especially through enhanced access to the committees under the Council and to information which the human rights organizations of the United Nations possess.

55. National Association of Non-Governmental Organizations

Address: 1st Floor, Mass Media House
19 Selous Avenue
Harare
Zimbabwe

Category requested: General

Date established: 1968

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 155 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (Zimbabwe dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	46 179
Contributions from Governments	295 929
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	112 140
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	3 364 191
Other income	234 721
Total	4 053 160
Expenditure	
Administration	941 268
Projects	2 801 145
Other activities	42 543
Total	3 784 956

Aims and activities of your organization

The National Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (NANGO) is the official coordinating umbrella body of non-governmental organizations in Zimbabwe and is registered as such in terms of the Private Voluntary Organisations Act (WO No. 221/68). It was founded in 1962 as a welfare organization under the name "Southern Rhodesia council of Social Services" and was later known as the "Voluntary Organisations in Community Enterprise (VOICE)", with a membership of predominately social welfare-oriented agencies. Naturally soon after independence, there was a marked increase in such welfare organizations, whose major thrust was geared towards complementing government efforts on development activities, particularly in the rural areas. Ten years after independence, member organizations seriously reviewed the role and function of VOICE, resulting in major changes, including the change of name. Today NANGO is the only officially recognized coordinating body of all non-governmental organizations in the country and is recognized as such regionally and internationally. As a national organization, NANGO has member organizations operating in all provinces of Zimbabwe.

NANGO aims to promote, coordinate and organize, where necessary, the participation and contributions of non-governmental organizations in the social, economic and political development of the people of Zimbabwe. It intends to achieve this aim by ensuring that there is an enabling environment for the non-governmental organization sector in Zimbabwe; providing training to non-governmental organizations, and collecting and disseminating information to non-governmental organizations. A conducive environment can be achieved through good non-governmental organization legislation and the provision of incentives to people/organizations that donate to non-governmental organizations in policy dialogue.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

NANGO would continue to participate in meetings and workshops organized by the United Nations at the national, regional and international levels. It would seek to contribute towards the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council. It would like to continue sharing information about United Nations activities with non-governmental organizations in Zimbabwe.

56. National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

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Washington, D.C. 20009
United States of America
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Fax: 202-387-5590
Email: shawkins@ncadp.org

Category requested: Special

Date incorporated: 23 May 1984

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with nearly 140 national, state, religious and student affiliate organizations.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	52 405
Contributions	226 142
Other income	186 108
Total	454 655
Expenditure	
Administration	27 434
Projects	326 987
Other activities	51 434
Total	405 855

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The aims and objectives of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (NCADP) are to increase and expand the scope of human rights protections and to increase momentum around the abolition of the death penalty.

With special consultative status, the NCADP would use a substantial portion of its resources to internationalize its domestic advocacy to eliminate the death penalty. NCADP would facilitate a series of activities involving key human rights treaty bodies, including writing shadow reports, convening public forums and taking delegations to Committee sessions when the United States submits its periodic reports.

In support of the Council priorities, the NCADP would regularly attend sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and take delegations to those sessions based on the death penalty and related themes. NCADP would submit written intervention at the sessions on those themes and make oral intervention to help increase awareness of the arbitrary practices in the adult and juvenile criminal justice systems, and begin to strongly encourage the United States Government fully to implement those human protections to which it has acceded. NCADP would also

submit case studies and reports to both the Commission and the Subcommission on the intersection of race, class and gender in the United States criminal justice system. *In those reports, NCADP would highlight several best practices as well as* demonstrate the need for greater governmental commitment to expanding those practices but ultimately, to totally eliminate the death penalty.

Finally, NCADP would build on its effort to increase non-governmental organization participation in United Nations world conferences, and their preparatory meetings as well as regular United Nations sessions. Though the World Conference against Racism is central in launching the NCADP's United Nations conference-related work, the intersection between a range of issues and the death penalty which are addressed in other world conferences make those forums important arenas to advance the NCADP efforts to internationalize its domestic advocacy. NCADP would also engage in issues related to the following areas of the Council's work: elimination of racial discrimination, human rights, elimination of torture and rights of the child. These efforts which grow from the Council's priorities, would not only improve NCADP's domestic advocacy but would also increase its effectiveness as an international ally in the global movement to eliminate the death penalty.

57. Association of Expelled Persons

Address: Godesberger Allee 72-74
53175 Bonn
Germany

Category requested: General

Date established: 14 December 1958

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 2,000,000 individual members and 42 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for 2000 (Deutsche marks)

Income	
Membership dues	355 000
Contributions from Governments	6 150 000
Other income	45 000
Total	**6 550 000**
Expenditure	
Administration	2 377 000
Projects	4 173 000
Total	**6 550 000**

Aims and activities of your organization

The Association of Expelled Persons represents an amalgamation of 21 *Landsmannschaften* (welfare and cultural associations of Germans from the former German Democratic Republic) and five associated member organizations.

It is the only association representing the approximately 15 million expelled persons and emigrants of German origin who were or will be received in Germany.

The Association of Expelled Persons consists of a national network of organizations: 417 district associations and 700 local associations are organized into 16 federal associations; 204 country groups, 3,900 local and district groups and 982 homeland district associations and/or homeland local associations are organized into 21 *Landsmannschaften*.

All in all, the Association of Expelled Persons has approximately 2 million members. Membership in the *Landsmannschaften* and of the federal associations is not limited to expelled persons. Accordingly, there are many persons among the members who have not been expelled from their homes.

The Association of Expelled Persons fulfils the following tasks:

(a) Social advice and supportive activities for expelled persons and emigrants of German origin within the framework of the integrating process in the economic and social life of Germany;

(b) Support and help of German ethnic groups and minorities who stayed in their homeland;

(c) Communication and collaboration with the Eastern neighbouring countries;

(d) Maintenance and diversity of cultural traditions and of cultural goods of the Germans in the East as part of the total European cultural inheritance.

The tasks described above are predominantly fulfilled on a decentralized, national and local basis by a great number of persons who work for the organization on an honorary basis.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Association of Expelled Persons would bring before the relevant committees of the United Nations its comprehensive knowledge and experience in all matters of expulsion, human rights, and ethnic groups, and also with respect to economic and social issues.

58. Canada Family Action Coalition

Address: 40 MacEwan Park Rise
Calgary, Alberta
Canada
Tel: 613/230-8542
Email: NationalAffairs@FamilyAction.org

Category requested: General

Date established: 29 January 1998

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 10,000 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (Canadian dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	184 203
Revenue from contracts	33 710
Other income	1 320
Total	**219 233**
Expenditure	
Administration	62 654
Projects	134 418
Total	**197 072**

Aims and activities and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Canada Family Action Coalition (CFAC) was founded to promote and defend human rights, according to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It aims to promote and defend human rights at the international level through participation in, and dissemination of information about, international conferences and forums dealing with aspects of human rights.

The work of CFAC is carried out in various ways: intervention in specific cases of human rights violations; dissemination of publications and information about the situation of human rights both in Canada and around the world; participation in international conferences and seminars, dealing with different aspects of human rights; and the provision of advice in this area. In undertaking these activities, the organization continuously refers to and defends the basic principles of the United Nations such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In regard to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, CFAC has a specific agenda which seeks to protect children from sexual exploitation and abuse, both in Canada and abroad. Promotion of the Convention and adaptation of Canadian law to the Convention are specific goals of CFAC. It also advocates for a Canadian foreign policy, including international aid programmes, that better reflects the Convention. Participation by CFAC in the upcoming Children's Summit will provide an opportunity for promoting the rights of children in Canada.

The upcoming United Nations conference on racism is an opportunity for the Coalition to focus on promoting the human rights of Canada's aboriginal peoples. The goal of eliminating discrimination in Canadian society can best be helped by the development and refinement of international standards and instruments that can be domestically applied.

The Istanbul +5 session will provide an opportunity for CFAC to promote adequate housing domestically and internationally through aid programmes, by working to implement the Habitat Agenda with the Canadian Government. In particular, the housing needs of many of Canada's aboriginal peoples must be addressed domestically and the standardization and application of United Nations obligations will be promoted in conjunction with the United Nations conference.

CFAC would continue to actively participate in United Nations-sponsored meetings on human rights. It would expand its information-sharing activities to relevant sections of the United Nations Secretariat and would offer its expertise to the Commission on Human Rights. At all times, CFAC would seek opportunities to lend its research and operational activities to areas of interest to the Council as they concern the defence of human rights.

59. Medico International

Address: Obermainanlage 7
D-60314 Frankfurt
Germany
Tel: +49-69-94438-0; Fax: +49-69-94438-15
Email: info@medico.de

Category requested: General

Date established: 30 September 1968

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 63 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (Deutsche mark)

Income	
Membership dues	19
Contributions from Governments	2 715 443
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	3 487 874
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	238 248
Other income	5 185 695
Total	**11 627 279**
Expenditure	
Administration	929 115
Projects	10 489 340
Other activities	1 516 975
Total	**12 935 430**

Aims and activities

Medico International is a medical relief, development aid and human rights organization whose general objective is the improvement of health in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Taking a preventive stand for the benefit of health, the organization considers health as a political affair, dependent on nutrition, housing conditions, income, the social fabric, human rights and culture. Inspired by WHO, Medico International works to strengthen the public health care concept, particularly for displaced people, refugees, and victims of war. The organization also works to carry forward understanding between nations by making known the reasons for injustice, misery and underdevelopment.

Medico International provides financial and technical support to the health-related grass-roots initiatives, local non-governmental organizations and governmental departments in the developing world. The development of new concepts and strategies (e.g. for the psycho-social treatment of child soldiers and victims of torture) is supported by intensive international networking, emphasizing the exchange of knowledge on the South/South level.

The organization is actively involved in advocacy, human rights and international public campaigns, such as the Nobel Peace prize-winning International

Campaign to Ban Landmines, which was co-founded by Medico International in 1991. It helped to draft the International Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel-Mines, which entered into force in 1999. As a member of the Washington-based Survey Action Center (SAC), Medico International is still intensively involved in efforts to resolve the global mine crises, cooperating with the United Nations Mine Action Service and the United Nations Development Programme.

Medico International supports refugees, such as those in Western Sahara, where the organization — in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the World Food Programme — is engaged in food aid and the provision of essential drugs.

In line with its long-term commitment for the promotion of essential drugs which the organization started in the early 1980s, Medico International today works for the fight against HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases. Affordable drugs are needed, but also a change in the social and economic context that is responsible for the "vulnerability" of mostly the poor.

Medico International emphasizes reconciliation and psycho-social programmes that are perceived as a prerequisite for conflict resolution and the restoring of peace in war-torn societies. The organization helps to develop appropriate strategies and provides funds for field work.

As part of an international non-governmental organization-network, Medico International seeks for a solution to the debt crisis, considering new ways of financing development both by structural change and through effective practice.

60. International Movement for Leisure Activities in Science and Technology

Address: Cité des sciences et de l'industrie
75930 Paris CEDEX 19
France

Category requested: Special

Date established: 17 August 1987

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 91 organizational members in 65 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (French francs)

Income	
Membership dues	150 000
Contributions from Governments	300 000
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	200 000
Revenue from contracts, etc.	260 000
Other income	150 000
Total	**1 060 000**
Expenditure	
Administration	100 000
Projects	901 000
Other activities	59 000
Total	**1 060 000**

Aims and activities

IMLAST was established on the occasion of the Scientific Leadership Conference held at Toulouse to commemorate the International Youth Year.

Its main aims — contributing to the development of a scientific and technical culture for youth, holding international science expositions, creating scientific subdivisions at sporting events, assisting and representing its member associations, encouraging the establishment of regional general secretariats and building a web site — have on the whole been achieved. The changes in Eastern Europe and the Arab countries have provided especially fertile ground for setting up activities and structures in the countries of those regions.

We have long been aware of United Nations activities and its major programmes. Last year, however, during our participation in the Lisbon Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sport, we decided to become more involved and apply for consultative status.

Through our major events, we undertake:

(a) To develop our activities in African countries by involving the research centres in establishing a nucleus of scientific and technical culture to promote citizenship, carry out our programmes for the year 2000, provide access to decision-making for women and combat illiteracy;

(b) To contribute to the activities of the commissions dealing with our specific areas of expertise, namely, youth, science and society;

(c) To make proposals with our partners for new programmes, particularly in the fields of communication-related social sciences and neuroscience.

This additional involvement will be made possible by strengthening the three existing regional general secretariats: in Montreal for North America, Algiers for the Mediterranean and Kuwait for Asia; these already have an action capacity equivalent to that of the central secretariat in Paris described here and a budget of 1,000,000 French francs. In the next phase, secretariats will be set up this year in Mexico City for South America and in Prague for Europe. These already have their own programmes planned.

Looking towards 2001 and the Expo-Sciences Internationale 2001 in Grenoble, France, the central budget should double to 2,000,000 francs.

Intended participation in the work of the Council

We propose to work within the Council's Commission on Science and Technology for Development, mainly in the area of dissemination of a culture of science and technology among youth, an area which has been our specialty since 1987, and on the establishment of communications and resources networks. Since 1999 we have been developing a programme for Africa in this field, in which Cameroon, Senegal, Gabon and Madagascar are already participating; this programme should have a network on the culture of science and technology in operation by 2002.

61. National Abortion Federation

Address: 1755 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20036
United States of America
Tel: 202/667-5881
Fax: 202/667-5890

Category requested: Special

Date established: 14 May 1977

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 104 individual members and 418 organizational members in seven countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	523 306
Other income	3 244 722
Total	**3 768 028**
Expenditure	
Administration	82 274
Projects	2 616 207
Other activities	135 593
Total	**2 834 074**

Aims and activities of your organization

The National Abortion Federation (NAF) is the professional association of abortion providers in the United States and Canada, with members in Australia, the Netherlands, England, and Spain. Our mid-level clinician groups have members in the United States, Canada, Bolivia, China, England, Pakistan, Puerto Rico, and South Africa. NAF works to enhance the quality and accessibility of reproductive health care including abortion services, post-abortion care, and family planning.

NAF provides the most up-to-date accredited continuing education in safe methods of abortion technique and related patient services, including counselling, informed consent, management of abortion complications, post-abortion follow-up care, contraception, and quality improvement.

We issue medical protocols and training curricula; and were the first to develop and issue clinical policy guidelines for abortion practice. The World Health Organization consulted with many of our members, and used our guidelines, in its current work to develop international guidelines for abortion practice.

NAF is expanding its international educational programmes to address recommendations from the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development and the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women. Both Conferences identified the need to deal with the impact of unsafe abortion as a major public health concern. NAF can play a critical role in the specific recommendation to

expand and upgrade formal and informal training in sexual and reproductive health care and family planning. Its work will help promote the Council goals in terms of higher standards of living and solutions to international economic, social, health, and related problems.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

In order to reduce maternal death and morbidity from unsafe abortions and post-abortion complications worldwide, NAF would work to improve networking and forums for information exchange among reproductive health-care providers; develop more training opportunities; translate selected NAF clinical publications; develop methods to make these materials accessible to international audiences in terms of cost and awareness of their availability; and develop a repository of clinical information on abortion and post-abortion care.

Through written materials and oral presentations, NAF would participate in the work of the Commission of the Status of Women on the items concerning women's access to comprehensive reproductive health care, and the health care needs for women. It would work in consultation with the subsidiary bodies of the Council concerned with women's health and participate in United Nations conferences to address the medical, social, and economic ramifications of restrictions to safe abortion and quality post-abortion care worldwide.

62. National Council of the Saemaul-Undong Movement

Address: #1008-4, Daechi-dong, Kang Nam-gu
Seoul
Korea
http://www.saemaul.or.kr

Category requested: General

Date established: 22 April 1970

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 2,324,733 individual members and 6 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for 2000 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	
Contributions from Governments	723 651
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	105 946
Other sources	89 108 359
Total	**89 937 956**
Expenditure	
Administration	32 175 840
Projects	5 182 936
Other activities	35 543 432
Total	**72 902 218**

Aims and activities

The Saemaul-Undong Movement came into being in the early 1970s with the goal of improving the quality of living in rural areas. *Saemaul Undong*, which means "new village movement", pursues economic and cultural development as well as material prosperity. Its main objective is to raise the general standard of living through diligence, self-help, and cooperation. The Movement is guided by the following objectives: helping to revitalize the country, constructing a society where each member can live in prosperity, creating an environmentally sustainable society, preparing for the country's reunification, and helping to build a world habitat of coexistence and co-prosperity.

In 1971, the Government of the Republic of Korea decided to subsidize extensive projects in rural villages. In most cases, the villages added their own capital goods and labour to the projects. Soon approximately 20 kinds of rural development project were under way in the drive to improve living conditions and to increase income in rural areas. The Saemaul-Undong Movement in most of the 35,000 participating villages launched projects to straighten and widen the roads so that moderate traffic could be more easily accommodated.

These days the priorities of the Movement include expanding farm size, direct trade in agricultural products between urban and rural citizens, cultivating agriculture with environmentally favourable techniques, transmitting and advancing traditional culture, and organizing social security nets for the poor and newly unemployed.

The National Council of the Saemaul-Undong Movement, with other non-governmental organizations, operates a campaign for jobless families and launched the Civil Social Security Net on 16 July 1999.

The experiences of the Saemaul-Undong Movement attracted the attention of people in many countries. Many developing countries sent their activists, educators, and governors to learn the Saemaul-Undong Movement model. By the end of 1998, a total of 1,402 foreigners from 63 countries had participated. The Movement has begun international cooperation with rural community development programmes in the Russian Federation and Viet Nam.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The National Council of the Saemaul-Undong Movement is oriented towards further international collaboration. It would participate in the subsidiary bodies of the Council in its efforts for gender equity, environment protection, and social security, by organizing a volunteer network.

63. Association of American Railroads

Address: 50 F Street, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20001
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 23 April 1992

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 44 organization members in 3 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 2000 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	36 383 000
Revenue from contracts, etc.	2 146 000
Other income	7 228 000
Total	45 757 000
Expenditure	
Administration	29 200 000
Projects	16 557 000
Total	45 757 000

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) facilitates the sustainment of economic growth in North America and the social benefits deriving therefrom through the Association's support for and encouragement of safe, efficient, environmentally sound, and economical rail transportation services as instrumentalities of commerce and the promotion of the common interests of the Association's members. The Association provides leadership and coordination and, in many instances, sets standards, in railroad operations, maintenance, safety, research, economics, finance, accounting, law, legislation, data systems, data management, communications, and public relations matters. It also represents the railroads before governmental and non-governmental forums and produces approximately 370 publications on issues relating to railroads.

The Association provides support for an integrated North American railroad network by establishing North American railroad rules and guidelines for freight car interchange, repair, usage fees and conditions, and overall management. The Association also establishes criteria for financial and accounting procedures, certifies the quality control of manufacturers of railroad materials and promulgates common geographic, commodity, and equipment classification criteria. Outside North America, many of these rules and guidelines are established by Governments or governmental organizations.

AAR is currently involved in the development of tank car standards in North America under a North American Free Trade Agreement model tank car standard project. AAR also participates with Canadian, United States and Mexican customs agencies to expedite commerce across borders and facilitate identification of international shipments, and works with government agencies on the rail movement of agricultural goods.

AAR has provided information and advice in connection with World Radiocommunication Conferences under the aegis of the International Telecommunication Union and has provided information and advice regarding a draft convention on international interests in mobile equipment and protocol on matters specific to railway equipment, under the aegis of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law.

The World Bank has recognized the North American rail system's exemplary provision of efficient and economical freight railroad transportation. Drawing upon its experience and expertise, AAR has provided expertise, information, and support to railroad operators worldwide, concerning rail transportation commercialization and privatization initiatives, including consultation with the International Union of Railways. Supporting the objectives of the Council, the Association would continue to support the sustainment of safe, efficient and economical rail transportation in North America and provide expertise, advice, information and support to rail operators in other countries, to improve their rail transportation systems for the populations relying upon rail service for their economic and social needs.

64. Canadian Race Relations Foundation

Address: 4576 Yonge Street, Suite 701
Toronto, Ontario M2N 6N4
Canada

Category requested: Special

Date established: 28 October 1996

Membership: The organization is a national organization. It has no members per se.

Summary of financial statement for 1999/2000 (Canadian dollars)

Income	
Contributions from Governments	533 431
Contributions from non-governmental organizations	81 240
Other income	1 612 098
Total	**2 091 474**
Expenditure	
Administration	492 554
Projects	1 467 446
Other activities	-
Total	**1 960 000**

Aims and activities of your organization

The Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF) has committed itself to building a national framework for the fight against racism in Canadian society. It will shed light on the causes and manifestations of racism; provide independent, outspoken national leadership; and act as a resource and facilitator in the pursuit of equity, fairness, and social justice.

Its goals are:

(a) To raise public awareness of the causes and manifestations of racism;

(b) To support the efforts of allies and potential allies to work actively for social, political and legislative solutions to racism in Canada;

(c) To speak out clearly and unequivocally against racism, not shying away from controversy;

(d) To be an authoritative source of information, providing perspectives and research data that will contribute to the elimination of racism;

(e) To form strategic partnerships to help combat racism by contributing to changes in the policies, practices and attitudes of Canadian institutions, businesses and other organizations;

(f) To recognize positive initiatives that promote harmony and the elimination of racism in Canadian society.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

CRRF intends to contribute to the work of the Council through provision of pertinent action-oriented research findings and models or best practices of anti-racism inititatives in Canada. It would take part in United Nations activities, conferences and consultations on a range of issues, particularly in the work of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

65. Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action

Address: P.O. Bag 442
Tunapuna Post Office
Tunapuna
Trinidad and Tobago

Category requested: Special

Date established: 16 July 1990

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with a total of 2,292 members, comprised of individuals and organizational members in 27 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	451
Contributions from Governments	64 988
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	37 769
Revenue from contracts, etc.	360 213
Other income	57 800
Total	**521 221**
Expenditure	
Administration	119 813
Projects	302 164
Other activities	99 244
Total	**521 221**

Aims and activities of your organization

The Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action (CAFRA) was born out of the need to work towards the transformation of society to ensure social justice for women and, by extension, their families. Its programmes are therefore focused in the critical areas that affect women. By combining research with action, CAFRA is able to lobby and advocate from concrete reality and implement programmes that allow women to participate in their own development.

In the 15 years of its existence, the Association has engaged in various projects and programmes which have been implemented at both the national and the regional levels — a reflection of the structure along which it is organized. CAFRA's work has, for example, covered research and action on women in agriculture, women and the law, women in industry, women and health, violence against women, tourism and the sex trade, impact of trade agreements on women, and women and the Lomé Convention. CAFRA is currently the secretariat for the Caribbean Gender and Trade Network.

CAFRA's networking activities include:

(a) Preparation of a Caribbean NGO Regional Plan of Action for the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action;

(b) Preparation of the CARICOM Post-Beijing Regional Plan of Action to the Year 2000;

(c) Functioning on the Regional Advisory Committee on Women and Gender Issues;

(d) Preparation of a position paper on the future of EU/ACP development cooperation;

(e) Caribbean focal point for the UNIFEM Campaign for Women's Human Rights, to end violence against women and girls;

(f) Co-organizer of the Caribbean subregion for the Global Network of Women in Politics;

(g) Caribbean Reference Group on Trade and Development Issues;

(h) Preparation of a lobby paper on the banana crisis and its impact on women.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

CAFRA would participate in the work of the Council by bringing its resources to the table, contributing to issue papers and supporting government delegations.

As a member of the Commission on Sustainable Development NGO Steering Committee, CAFRA participates in the work of issue caucuses and major groups. CAFRA brings Caribbean perspectives on sustainable development to the fore.

CAFRA wishes to use its resources to enhance implementation of the platforms for action of the various United Nations conferences and other United Nations instruments.

66. Citizens' Rights Protection Society

Address: 16, Target Road, Calabar
Cross River State
Nigeria

Category requested: Special

Date established: 1996

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 706 individual members and 14 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (Nigerian naira)

Income	
Membership dues	1 500 000
Contributions from non-governmental organizations	3 700 000
Revenue from contracts, etc.	
Other income	210 000
Total	**5 410 000**
Expenditure	
Administration	2 186 750
Projects	3 000 000
Total	**5 186 750**

Aims and activities of your organization

Aims

(a) To enlighten the general public on the rights of man, in all spheres of human endeavour, including but not restricted to politics, law, aviation, business, commerce, culture, sports, education, democracy, philanthropy, safety, compensation, environment, religion, tourism, creativity, health care, music, travel etc.;

(b) To propagate knowledge and understanding about the basic, natural and constitutional rights of man as regards life, existence, housing, clothing, fashion, refreshment, entertainment, recreation, association, painting, communication, welfare, self-defence, dignity, self-preservation, justice, fair play etc.

Activities

(a) Preach, advocate, proclaim, mount and advance democratic reforms, human protection, environmental protection, leadership training ideals, social justice programmes, human enlightenment campaigns, cultural promotion, penal reforms, prisoners' welfare programmes, civil liberties protection, constitutional and basic rights pursuits and anti-vice campaigns;

(b) Join forces with other organizations and agencies at home and abroad with similar interests and policies to redress the unconstitutional, inhumane and ungodly ills and constraints that have been plaguing the polity and making life absolutely, vexatiously and inexplicably terrible and meaningless to humanity.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

(a) The Society would contribute to the Economic and Social Council on human rights protection in rural Nigeria, a developing economy; penal reform/prisoners' welfare; peace and conflict resolution;

(b) Offer possible solutions to rural development problems caused by flagrant violations of rights by agents of government (e.g., soldiers, police, civil defence corps);

(c) Implement all international instruments on the protection of human rights, penal reform/prisoners' welfare, women participation in democratic processes, gender equality, social justice, discrimination, social security for developing nations;

(d) Celebrate United Nations anniversaries (e.g., the Universal Declaration on Human Rights);

(e) Open a resource centre for United Nations materials on concerned areas and sundry matters.

67. Drug Watch International

Address: P.O. Box 45218
Omaha, Nebraska 68145-0218
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 6 March 1992

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 146 individual members and 14 organization members in 19 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	1 740
Other income	33 352
Total	35 092
Expenditure	
Administration	7 475
Projects	20 916
Other activities	4 992
Total	33 383

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Drug Watch International is a volunteer non-profit drug information network founded on the premise that the world and future generations are best served by drug-free healthy cultures. In order to maintain its independence, Drug Watch International does not accept funding from any level of government.

The goal is to mobilize and empower citizens throughout the world to promote drug prevention and counter drug advocacy propaganda in their families, communities, and countries. Drug Watch International opposes the legalization of drugs and upholds a comprehensive approach to drug issues, involving prevention, education, intervention, treatment, law enforcement and interdiction.

A highly informed Board of Directors governs Drug Watch International and coordinates a network of delegates from 20 countries, with new delegates and countries being added in ever-increasing numbers.

The International Drug Strategy Institute, a division of Drug Watch International, is a group of physicians, attorneys, educators, law enforcement officials, and drug prevention specialist who provide expertise on drug research and international drug policy issues.

Drug Watch International supports laws and meaningful legal penalties that hold users and dealers accountable for their actions. It supports adherence to the scientific research standards and ethics that are prescribed by the world scientific community, and it supports international treaties and agreements, including

international sanctions and penalties against drug trafficking. It opposes any attempt to weaken international drug policies and laws.

Drug Watch International provides the public, policy makers, and the media with current information, factual research and expert resources. Accurate information is disseminated worldwide through a network of international drug prevention organizations, position statements, workshops, conferences, an international e-mail communication network, two Web sites, and *Drug Watch World News*, a quarterly newsletter with articles by prominent international figures and experts. A news team, composed of seven international editors, oversees its publication.

Drug Watch International and the International Drug Strategy Institute has worked with the United Nations Drug Control Programme in the past, including the Bangkok Demand Reduction Conferences in the mid 1990s and the 1998 Demand Reduction Conference in New York. The organization stands ready to use its vast communication network to assist the Economic and Social Council in disseminating information to all populations of the world. If granted special consultative status, its experts plan to provide information and assistance, as needed, including seminars, workshops and conferences.

68. Association marocaine de planification familiale

Address: 6 Rue Ibn El Cadi
B.P. 1217 Rabat
Morocco

Category requested: General

Date established: 1972

Membership: The organization is a national organization with 700 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for year 1998 (Moroccan dirhams)

Income	
Membership dues	2 100 000
Contributions from Governments	203 000
Contracts	4 723 299
Total	**7 026 299**
Expenditure	
Administration	1 673 682
Projects	4 732 909
Total	**6 406 591**

Aims and activities of your organization

The Association marocaine de planification familiale is a voluntary, social, non-profit organization. It has the following goals:

(a) To ensure greater respect for the fundamental human right of women, men and youth to make free and informed choices concerning their health;

(b) To obtain through advocacy the means for them to exercise this right (information, services);

(c) To remove the legal, psychosocial and cultural restrictions and obstacles that hinder the exercise of this right;

(d) To meet unanswered needs in the area of sexual and reproductive health and family planning by improving the system of management in cooperation with other partners.

In order to accomplish its mission, the Association marocaine de planification familiale conducts a number of activities, the most important being:

(a) Motivation, education, information and advocacy (decision makers, women, men, youth);

(b) Training in population and development, family planning and reproductive health, including HIV/AIDS, integration of a gender perspective in reproductive health services, etc.;

(c) Provision of medical and counselling services at the community level and in established centres (urban and rural);

(d) Design and development of audio-visual and educational materials;

(e) Mobilization of financial resources;

(f) Operational research and action-oriented research among the people, service providers and other target groups;

(g) Activities to promote gender equity and equality (status of women);

(h) Participation in national, regional and international events;

(i) Coordination of non-governmental organizations at the national and regional levels;

(j) Policy and strategy evaluation and introduction of innovative strategies.

Participation in the Council

(a) Participation in the work of the Council in areas concerned with population and development, sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS, integration of gender in development policies and strategies, promotion of a culture of reproductive health rights and women's rights, strengthening the legal and political empowerment of women, raising awareness among youth and men;

(b) Promotion of the work and objectives of the Council;

(c) Reinforcement and development of advocacy in order to implement, disseminate and follow up Council resolutions at all levels.

69. Becket Fund for Religious Liberty

Address: 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Suite 3580
Washington, D.C. 20006
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 8 December 1993

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 1,690 individual members in 15 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1 October 1997 to 30 September 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	276 040
Revenue from contracts etc.	672 000
Other income	1 288
Total	**949 328**
Expenditure	
Administration	239 812
Projects	528 919
Other activities	167 920
Total	**936 651**

Aims and activities of your organization and your anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The Becket Fund is a non-profit, non-partisan and ecumenical public interest legal and educational institute that protects the free expression of all religious traditions. To date, we have represented Muslims. Christians, Jews, Buddhists and Native Americans. As stated in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Becket Fund maintains that "everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion ..."

The Fund chooses a handful of cases for litigation in the United States of America. The following cases are good examples: in *ACLU v. Schundler*, we recently vindicated Jersey City Mayor Schundler's policy of celebrating Christmas (with a Nativity scene), Hanukkah (with a menorah), Ramadan, the Hindu festival of lights and a wide variety of other cultural events. In *FOP v. City of Newark*, we won the right for police officers who are Muslims to wear beards.

We also conduct academic and public policy activities. We have a permanent Institute at St. Hugh's College of Oxford University to host visiting scholars and sponsor our quarterly lecture series and international conferences.

Our first international conference, Secularism and Religious Liberty was held 5-7 December 1995 in Rome to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of Vatican II's Declaration on Religious Freedom. The most prominent participant was

Pope John Paul II, who granted us an audience and gave us an extended message on religious liberty. Our second conference was held 16-18 December 1997 in Jerusalem. It provided a serious exchange on the principle of religious liberty among prominent Christians, Jews, and Muslims — including the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Israeli Cabinet Ministers and former *refusnik* Soviet prisoner Natan Sharansky, and His Royal Highness, then Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan. The Crown Prince received Conference participants at the palace in Amman.

Active participation in the Council and its subsidiaries would be a natural extension of our international activities. The Becket Fund would monitor issues related to religious liberty, both in the United States and abroad. It would also provide oral and written statements reporting on this compliance and make both theoretical and practical information available to member States and other non-governmental organizations. We would also engage in issues related to the Commission on Human Rights and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. We would hope to work closely with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and member States of the United Nations.

70. Indonesian National Council on Social Welfare

Address: Jalan Tanah Abang Timur No. 15,
Jakarta 10110
Indonesia

Category requested: Special

Date established: 17 July 1967

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 59 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (Indonesian roupiahs)

Income	
Contributions from Governments	140 000 000
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	823 400 000
Revenue from contracts etc.	974 635 502
Other income	133 498 239
Total	**2 071 533 741**
Expenditure	
Administration	496 786 979
Projects	171 118 966
Other activities	233 943 985
Total	**1 169 683 811**

Aims and activities of your organization

The objective of the Indonesian National Council on Social Welfare (INCSW) is, in the framework of organizations that are active in the fields of social welfare and social development, to promote social welfare and social development and realize a new Indonesian society that is just, secure, and prosperous. To achieve its objective, INCSW undertakes the following activities:

(a) Gives professional consideration and recommendations and plays an active role in deciding policies and programmes on social welfare and social development;

(b) Organizes communication, consultation, cooperation, coordination, and discussion in the fields of social welfare and social development at home and abroad;

(c) Organizes human resource development, research and development, publications, information and data processing in the fields of social welfare and social development;

(d) Supports organizations active in the fields of social welfare and social development;

(e) Represents the interest of social welfare and social development organizations at home and abroad.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

With consultative status, INCSW could broaden its vision and optimize the implementation of INCSW initiatives in social welfare and social development. Programmes/activities in which we would like to participate are:

(a) The outcome of the World Summit for Social Development — i.e., the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action, as well as the outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome and further initiatives, which will be conducted in Geneva, 26-30 June 2000;

(b) Further deliberations concerning the implementations of the above-mentioned outcomes at the national, regional and international levels;

(c) Seminars, symposia, and other forums in the framework of formulating policy recommendations concerning social development. Those policy recommendations would be delivered to the National Assembly, Parliament, President of Indonesia, cabinet ministers, the provincial governors, INCSW members, and other related non-governmental organizations;

(d) The development of a centre or agency for monitoring and evaluating social development in Indonesia;

(e) Publishing literature on social development.

71. Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

Address: 1560-39 Kami-Yamaguchi, Hayama, Kanagawa
240-0198 Japan

Category requested: Special

Date established: 21 April 1997

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 91 individual members, and 18 organization members in two countries.

Summary of financial statement for fiscal year 1999 (Japanese yen)

Income	
Membership dues	3 315 000
Contributions from Governments	669 015 000
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	12 943 000
Contracts	227 954 000
Other income	18 885 000
Total	**932 112 000**
Expenditure	
Administration	204 807 000
Projects	713 072 000
Total	**917 879 000**

Aims and activities of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Policy-oriented and practical research activities (strategic research) are carried out by the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) for the purpose of attaining sustainable development, especially in the Asia/Pacific region. IGES develops environmental strategies and drafts innovative policy recommendations. It hopes to make the results of its strategic research part of the policy- and decision-making processes of a broad range of United Nations bodies, national and local governments, non-governmental organizations, and the public. To carry out its activities, IGES seeks participation not only from individual researchers and experts, but also from international organizations, governments, industry, non-governmental organizations, and the public.

Currently research projects are being carried out by IGES in six strategic areas:

(a) Climate change;

(b) Urban environment;

(c) Forest conservation;

(d) Environmental education;

(e) Environmental governance;

(f) New development patterns.

Since 1999, IGES has supported capacity-building programmes organized by United Nations organizations, such as UNITAR and UNU, and the Asian Development Bank.

IGES surveys and assesses environmental and related issues, analyses their causes and challenges, finds and proposes policy changes and options for improvement in a broad context of social and economic conditions. IGES believes that the results of its surveys, assessments and analyses and policy proposals will be useful and beneficial to the Council in elaborating action for sustainable development.

Proposals of environmental strategies based on research in the six strategic areas is being prepared at the request of the ESCAP secretariat. They will be submitted to the ESCAP Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Development in September 2000.

If it obtains consultative status, IGES would participate most particularly in the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

72. International Federation of Medical Students' Associations

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B.P. 63
01212 Ferney-Voltaire CEDEX
France
Tel.: +33-450-404759; Fax: +33-450-405937
Email: gs@ifmsa.org

Category requested: Special

Date established: 12 September 1989

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 69 organizational members in 64 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998/1999 (Dutch florins)

Income	
Membership dues	82 824
Governments	91 558
Intergovernmental organizations	117 013
Other non-governmental organizations	14 070
Contracts	4 478
Total	**309 943**
Expenditure	
Administration	86 990
Projects	195 019
Other activities	23 014
Total	**305 023**

Aims and activities of your organization

Since its foundation in 1951, the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) exists as a forum for initiating and sharing ideas among medical students, formulating policies pertaining to public health, reproductive health, medical education and an active propagation of a culture of peace.

The backbone of the organization, from the very early years, has been its professional exchanges run on a bilateral basis. Every year, 5,000 students take part in exchange programmes with the aim of getting acquainted with the practice of medicine in a foreign culture. Besides the exchanges, IFMSA is actively involved in the field of medical education, reproductive health, prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, public health projects in the developing world, and health care and education of refugees.

All activities of the Federation have the ultimate goal of promoting increased global health and well being, contributing actively to improve intercultural understanding, and preventing violent conflicts through the promotion of human rights.

IFMSA fills important gaps in the medical curricula by addressing the above-mentioned health-related issues in workshops, summer schools and conferences, and by giving future physicians the chance to work in the field on various projects and activities.

IFMSA promotes humanitarian ideals among medical students and so seeks to contribute to the creation of responsible future physicians who will work for the ultimate benefit of society.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

IFMSA already works closely with many components of the United Nations system in achieving the above-mentioned goals and will continue to do so in the future. With special consultative status, it would work with various departments and programmes of WHO, UNFPA, UNESCO, UNICEF and other agencies in the promotion of health, peace and human rights. In the coming year IFMSA will continue to contribute to preparations for the Fourth World Youth Forum of the United Nations Systems.

73. Population Concern

Address: Studio 325
Highgate Studios
53-79 Highgate Road
London NW5 1TL
United Kingdom
Tel.: 44 (0)20 7241 8510; Fax: 44 (0)20 7267 7689
Email: sandrak@populationconcern.org.uk

Category requested: Special

Date established: 9 February 1991

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 73 individual members in two countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (British pounds)

Income	
Contributions from Governments	1 826 222
Other grants and donations	1 257 378
Legacies	34 547
Other income	49 028
Total	**3 157 175**
Expenditure	
Administration	46 899
Projects in the United Kingdom	102 340
Grants to overseas projects	2 032 787
Other	879 934
Total	**3 061 960**

Aims and objectives of your organization and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Population Concern works for the improvement of the quality of life worldwide by advancing the right of all people to exercise free and informed reproductive health choices and to have access to confidential sexual and reproductive health services, including family planning. Population Concern promotes the right of women and young people to have effective access to those services and the right of women of all ages to an education that enhances their economic and social standing.

Population Concern would continue to work with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and with UNFPA and other agencies to influence in a positive way sexual and reproductive health and the rights of people worldwide. This will be done through participation in various United Nations summits, conferences and committees. Also, advocacy would be undertaken at the global level.

74. African Center Foundation

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New York, N.Y. 10027
Telephone: (212) 531-0281, (212) 531-4786, (212) 531-4826
Fax: (212) 222-3381
Email: AFRCF@AOL.COM

Category requested: General

Date established: 20 January 1993, Italy, and
31 May 1995, United States of America

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 63,542 individual members in 20 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	116 850
Contributions from Government	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Contracts	-
Other sources	48 000
Total	**164 850**
Expenditures	
Administration	76 000
Projects	47 700
Other activities	40 500
Total	**164 200**

Aims and activities

The African Center was founded in 1989 as a non-political, non-religious effort towards the development of the continent of Africa; to champion its unity, to turn its resource and potential to prosperity; to serve as an African solution to African problems. The Center's main objective is to constantly define various problems facing rural Africans and communities and to employ collective efforts of Africans and the assistance of the people around the world in solving them.

Presently in 14 African countries, Italy, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, the Center's principle is not to wait for emergencies before Africans can be helped and to constantly seek lasting solutions to various problems in the continent. The Center collaborates with the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and other organizations. The organization has three main objectives, constant and adequate information on Africa; community and industrial development; and an education assistance programme, and many projects — Greening Africa, Africa Today, etc.

The Center is responsible for the constant promotion of culture, development and peace in Africa through adequate information. Currently, the Center is publishing an international news magazine, *Africa Today*, and a newsletter, *Save the Roots*. The organization also gives monthly seminars on the African economy and annual awards and fundraising events to promote cultural and industrial cooperation.

Greening Africa is an agricultural project of the Center, now in four countries in Africa. The organization believes in lasting solutions to any problem, so it prefers creating farms to giving food and working with communities to begging for the communities. Greening Africa's basic concept is to create annually, in one or two communities in Africa, a model farm that will assist the community in feeding its people and provide them with modern farming techniques and equipment.

The distribution and management of books and educational materials to colleges in Africa is fundamental to the development of the youth of Africa and the coming generations. In the past five years the Center had assisted colleges in Nigeria and Senegal with books and computers.

75. Association internationale de lutte contre la pauvreté et pour le développement

Address: Headquarters address
7 bis, rue Wagane Diouf
Dakar, Senegal

Postal Address
Boîte postale 6708
Dakar, Senegal

Category requested: General

Date established: 22 March 2000

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 52 individual members and one organization member in 15 countries.

Summary of financial statement for fiscal year 1 May 2000 to 31 May 2001 (CFA francs)

Income	
Membership dues	5 000 000
Contributions from Government	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Contracts	-
Other income	3 000 000
Total	**8 000 000**
Expenditure	
Administration	500 000
Projects	-
Other activities	2 500 000
Total	**3 000 000**

Aims and activities of the organization and anticipated contribution to the work of the Council

The International Association for the Campaign against Poverty and for Development (AIPED) was established by people of good will to combat the scourge of poverty, to promote sustainable development and respect for the environment and to participate in a future world of peace and justice. Its objective is to help the populations concerned to take charge of their own development.

AIPED primarily uses audio-visual media to help transmit the following messages:

(a) The reality of poverty, the need for all communities to take charge of their own development through the know-how and efforts of all their members (men, women, young people and others);

(b) Successful community development experiences, as proof that poverty is not inevitable and can be overcome;

(c) The role of peace, without which no development can take place;

(d) The role of States, NGOs, development partners and United Nations organizations, in particular the Economic and Social Council, in anti-poverty and development efforts.

Thus, the Association has produced fictional and documentary films on poverty and successful experiences in community development.

The Association participates in:

(a) The implementation of basic education projects that focus on both the learning of traditional culture and gaining access to new technologies;

(b) The training of young people to enable them to find better jobs;

(c) A programme for training and reintegrating older immigrants and for creating enterprises of all sizes in the countries of origin, in partnership with investors from the countries of the North.

AIPED elaborates projects in the following fields:

(a) Health, such as the preservation of the cold chain of vaccines to prevent any interruption in the chain until the vaccines are used;

(b) Establishment of an African Centre for Peace and a Corps of African Volunteers for Peace, to develop a culture of peace and tolerance;

(c) Technological innovation as an engine of development; in that context, it organized an exhibition of inventions in the fields of health, agriculture and the environment, presented at its official opening ceremony, in which the Council participated.

AIPED participated in meetings of the high-level segment of the Council on the role of the United Nations in support of the efforts of the African countries to achieve sustainable development, and it plans to organize a seminar for disseminating the Council decisions taken at that session.

It will continue to participate actively in meetings sponsored by the United Nations. It will extend its information-pooling activities to the competent services of the United Nations Secretariat and will participate in the work of the Council, to which it will offer its technical skills. It will make every effort to make available to the Council its research programmes and operational activities in the combating of poverty and the promotion of development and a culture of peace.

Lastly, AIPED will endeavour to disseminate, through audio-visual media, the decisions of the Council at meetings which it attends, and their impact on its fields of intervention.

76. International Multimodal Transport Association

Address: 3B Rue de Moillebeau
CH-1209 Geneva
Switzerland

Category requested: Special

Date established: 4 November 1993

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 69 individual members, and 31 organization members in 38 countries.

Summary of financial statement for year 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	**6 600 plus**
Governments	**nil**
Intergovernmental organizations	**nil**
Other NGOs	**nil**
Contracts	**nil**
Other sources	**nil**
Total	**6 600 plus**
Expenditure	
Administration	1 261.93
Projects	
Other activities (please specify): IMTA Bulletin	1 459.84
Total	**2 721.77 plus**

The Association is fortunate in that all administrative work has been conducted by volunteers on a no-cost-to-the-Association basis.

Aims and activities of your organization

The International Multimodal Transport Association (IMTA) believes in:

1. The need for a balanced trade growth among nations in order to ensure the development of their economies and the welfare of their people.

2. The efficient development of logistics and multimodal door-to-door transport operations to benefit trade and society as a whole. This development must be compatible with an adequate protection of people, property and the environment.

3. Our future, which depends on the knowledge and experience of our members and their employees. Therefore, we consider the development of individual skills and abilities to be of fundamental importance; we support innovative ideas and teamwork.

4. Any gain from our activities must be used to self-finance and strengthen the Association, in the interests of society.

5. The Association should therefore aim to generate a positive influence on multimodal transport development worldwide.

Mission description

- The best professionals in the world and the best companies involved in transport, logistics or trade will want to become IMTA members and make use of its services.
- IMTA's reports, technical documents and publications will be unavoidable references for all entities, companies and individuals interested in multimodal transport and logistics.
- Any meeting, technical workshop, seminar, course or congress organized by IMTA will be among the most important in their field.
- Work groups conducted by IMTA will be held in highest repute all over the world.
- Research and technological development promoted or backed by IMTA will be the very best being carried out in any part of the world.
- It will be an honour to receive a prize or distinction awarded by IMTA.
- IMTA will continue to grow, offering valuable services.
- The Association will be foremost in its line of activity, contributing to the resolution of transport problems faced by society.
- Our employees and collaborators will be delighted to work with IMTA.
- When people are asked which is the most important multimodal transport association in the world, "IMTA" will be the one most often quoted.

Participation in the Council

If granted observer status with the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, IMTA will participate actively in its two chosen main fields of activity, transport and trade facilitation. It will make constructive suggestions, when relevant, at those meetings and will be ready to participate in expert group meetings if so called upon.

77. Islamic-American Zakat Foundation

Address: 7304 Hooking Road
McLean, VA 22101
United States of America

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 14 November 1986

Membership: The organization is a national organization with 6 individual members and 0 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	0
Contributions from Governments	0
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	0
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	0
Revenue from contracts, etc.	0
Other income	
Direct public donations	38 307
Donations from individuals through workplace campaigns	39 396
Total	**77 703**
Expenditure	
Administration	5 576
Projects	61 450
Other activities	0
Total	**67 025**

Aims and activities

The Islamic-American Zakat Foundation aims at the promotion, assessment, collection and distribution of Islamic charity known as zakat and sadaqa. In furtherance of this goal, the corporation provides the public with assistance in calculating zakat assessments, collects such assessments and sadaqa contributions and distributes those funds to aid the needy, the poor, stranded travellers, and such other charitable beneficiaries as are entitled under Islamic religious law and practice.

To meet these aims, we accept applications from poor and needy persons or on behalf of poor and needy persons and investigate their needs. A review committee determines the degree and ways in which we can best help them and cash or food coupons grants are made to the needy. In the case of repeat applications, a field coordinator investigates the situation and either determines that emergency aid is sufficient or recommends a plan for long-term attainment of self-sufficiency. Further grants are coordinated with such plans. In addition, we make grants to other tax-exempt organizations engaged in international relief and also fund poor or orphaned children in countries like Palestine and Bosnia.

Participation in the Council

It is our intention to use our consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to enhance our international relief efforts and to assist the Council in more effectively addressing the problems of development. While the details will depend on what problems are most pressing then, if we had consultative status now we would be actively working with the Council to find ways to facilitate humanitarian aid to the Chechnyans.

78. Minaret of Freedom Institute

Address: 4323 Rosedale Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 12 November 1993

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 0 individual members and 0 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for year _____ (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	0
Contributions from Governments	0
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	0
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	2 500
Revenue from contracts, etc.	0
Other income	
Sales of publications	1 599
Admissions to annual dinner	1 298
Donations from individuals	14 388
Total	**19 785**

Expenditure

Administration	3 233
Projects	20 188
Other activities	0
Total	**23 421**

Aims and activities

The Minaret of Freedom Institute is a policy research institute that aims to discover and publish the politico-economic implications of Islamic law and their consequences for the economic well-being of the community, to promote the establishment of free trade and justice (an essential common interest of Islam and the West), to educate Islamic religious and community leaders in economics and in the fact that liberty is a necessary, though not sufficient, condition for the achievement of a good society, and to advance human rights, especially the rights of freedom of thought, speech, and religion.

To meet these aims, we engage in educational activities and independent scholarly research into policy issues of concern to Muslims around the world, including America; publication of scholarly and popular expositions of such research; translation of appropriate works on the free market into the languages of the Muslim world with introductions and commentaries by Muslim scholars; and the operation of a scholars exchange programme both to allow institute associates to make presentations to academics and policy makers in Muslim countries and to permit libertarian Muslims from abroad to spend time in contact with market-oriented Muslim scholars in America and to have access to resources not available in their home countries. Important examples include our article on Muslim adoption in the *Adoption Factbook III* and our collaborative effort with the National Council for Adoption and the American Muslim Council to facilitate the adoption of Muslim children by *kafala*, and our educational work showing the non-Islamic origins of female genital mutilation, which has provided a religious basis for eliminating the severe forms of that practice. Finally, we are active in the study of women's rights in Islam. We sent a representative to the Fourth World Conference on Women and conducted presentations on women's education in Turkey on the Islamic marriage contract.

Participation in the Council

The Minaret of Freedom Institute will participate actively in United Nations-sponsored meetings on the wide scope of economic and social issues in which we are interested. We shall offer our expertise on facilitating the dialogue between the Muslim world and the Western world in order to avoid that clash of civilizations that has concerned Prof. Samuel Huntington that would benefit no one but which we are certain is avoidable when the intercultural understanding that we have developed is brought to bear.

79. International Centre for Peace Studies

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South Extension Part I
New Delhi-110 049, India
Tel: (91-11) 469 8886
Fax: (91-11) 464 9996
Email: cpsnd@del2.vsnl.net.in

Category requested: Special

Date established: 21 October 1993

Membership: The organization is an international one, with 84 individual members and 5 organization members in 13 countries.

Summary of financial statement for the period from April 1999 to March 2000 (rupees)

Income	
Membership dues	17 500
Other income	
Sale of publications	99 150
Donations	10 000
Total	**126 650**
Expenditure	
Administration	30 248
Other activities (publications, research and seminars)	101 572
Total	**131 820**

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The activities of the Centre include evolving frameworks to study conflict situations, conceptualizing the conflicts and developing strategies for peace-building to address such situations with an emphasis on human rights.

The Centre is engaged in studies in the following areas: promoting a culture of peace through peace education; creating awareness of human rights, displacement and refugee issues; peace through disarmament and international law; global economic order and social conflicts; the role of media in conflict resolution; problems of governance; and right to development.

The research activities at the Centre have a primary focus on issues relating to human rights. The interrelationship among human rights, self-determination, displacement and governance is studied with concern and interest by the researchers of the Centre. The Centre has been organizing debates, discussions and interactive sessions, particularly in educational institutions, to make people sensitive to human rights and to underscore the increasing importance of human rights in the world.

The Centre recognizes that education plays an important role in transmitting many ideas from generation to generation. It is observed that sometimes ideas are disseminated that could be corrosive to peace. In order to meet this challenge, the Centre proposes that any effort aimed at rescuing the subsequent generations from the scourges of inter-societal, inter-ethnic conflicts has to begin with a central curricular thrust on ideas that would emphasize social harmony and universal peace. The Centre plans to develop a peace curriculum in this direction at the national and international level. The Centre has been organizing orientation programmes in this direction in schools involving teachers and students directly and through organizations affiliated with it.

If granted consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, the Centre would actively participate in United Nations-sponsored meetings and activities, particularly in the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and deliberate on and contribute to issues related to peace education, human rights, civil society, grass-roots governance and conflict resolution. The Centre would like to share its experience with and learn from different NGOs coming together in various United Nations meetings and forums and integrate itself with the global community of peace and human rights activists. Through its publications and research activities, the Centre would seek to promote and realize the ideals of the Council. This will help the Centre in harmonizing its activities with the activities of the Council in more meaningful ways.

80. Physicians for Social Responsibility

Address: 1101 14th Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20005, U.S.A.

Category requested: Special

Date established: 24 March 1969

Membership: The organization is a national one, with 32,490 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	522 747
Governments	270 236
Other NGOs	829 164
Other sources	958 448
Total	**2 580 595**
Expenditure	
Administration	290 936
Projects	1 595 083
Other activities	437 890
Total	**2 323 909**

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) is a professional organization that seeks to prevent nuclear war and the use of other weapons of mass destruction, to decrease environmental threats to health and to reduce societal violence. The organization does this through written and oral presentations to professional colleagues and the public, legislative testimony and participation in an advisory capacity to policy-making bodies at all levels. Within the broad outline of our mission, the current issues of concern include domestic violence, persistent organic pollutants, the health effects of climate change, heavy metal contamination of the environment, drinking water safety and standards and interruption of interpersonal violence that leads to serious injury or death.

PSR intends to continue also participation in the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission for Social Development. PSR will also continue its involvement in the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on Children. Our focus will be on the environmental health of children worldwide. PSR, through the International POPs (persistent organic pollutants) Elimination Network, will continue its work with the upcoming intergovernmental negotiating committees on the persistent organic pollutants treaty. PSR will also continue to take part in future conferences of the parties to the Kyoto Protocol on climate change and host briefings on climate and health issues.

Because PSR has a chapter in New York City, members are able to participate in Economic and Social Council activities throughout the year and not just at annual Commission meetings. The extensive expertise of our organization's entire membership on the health effects of the various areas of concern to the Council will be available to it if needed.

81. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Address: 4805 Mt. Hope Drive
Baltimore, Maryland 21215
United States of America

Category requested: General

Date established: 6 June 1911

Membership: National organization with 1,470,763 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	2 895 208
Contracts	20 770
Other sources	15 409 306
Total	**18 325 284**
Expenditure	
Administration	13 691 348*
Projects	80 529
Other activities	1 531 885
Total	**15 303 762**

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the oldest, largest and strongest civil rights organization in the United States. The principal objective of the NAACP is to ensure the political, education, social and economic equality of minority groups in the United States. The NAACP membership, with more than 500,000 individuals, encompasses all aspects of society working towards a common goal of eliminating racial inequality.

The NAACP carries out its mission by promoting educational programmes, legislative activities and economic and community development programmes, and by enhancing voter education and participation among minority groups, and encouraging youth leadership and community involvement.

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* The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) administration costs are used to administer volunteer programmes through its network of branches. While the Association has a staff of nearly 200 people at its headquarters in Baltimore, seven regional offices, a District of Columbia office and a New York City fund-raising office, the bulk of the programme activities are conducted by 2,200 volunteer units scattered throughout the 50 states. Hence the bulk of the Association's funds are administrative funds in support of the volunteer units.

The NAACP has considerable experience in a variety of areas that would provide the Economic and Social Council with a valuable source of information and experience. The NAACP is an experienced civil rights organization and is able to provide the Council and its committees with information to further its goals in eradicating human rights abuses through democratic means.

82. Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples

Address: 274, Tweede Oosterparkstraat
1092 BV Amsterdam
The Netherlands

Postal address: PO Box 94098
1090 GB Amsterdam
The Netherlands

Category requested: Special

Date established: 22 March 1984

Membership: The organization is a national one with no official membership. However, through its subscriptions to its magazine *Indigo*, it has 1,200 national and international interested parties who are regularly kept informed of its activities.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (guilders)

Income

Project funds	578 477
Donations	34 852
Services	12 721
Subscriptions	37 603
Miscellaneous	6 085
Total	**669 738**

Expenditure

Personnel	123 179
Rent	23 168
Organizational costs	34 320
Magazine	40 252
Provision of services	23 850
Direct project costs	404 224
Total	**648 993**

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Netherlands Centre for Indigenous Peoples (NCIV) aims to promote the protection of the rights of indigenous peoples worldwide, as well as to provide technical, political and financial assistance to indigenous peoples in their global struggle for survival. This includes: building support for indigenous peoples right to self-determination; control over their own territories; protection from discrimination; protection of their cultural heritage and languages; promotion and protection of their culture and history; and control over their own development. The aim of NCIV nationally is to build awareness and to engage the support of the Dutch people for the positions and aspirations of indigenous peoples. NCIV is thus firmly committed to contributing to the success of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

The work of NCIV is carried out in many different ways: the organization of both national and international conferences, workshops, seminars and public events; the administration of a fund to support small-scale indigenous peoples projects; providing financial assistance to representatives of indigenous peoples who want to participate in relevant United Nations forums and providing them with technical, secretarial, administrative and political support during their attendance at United Nations meetings; exchanging information with a worldwide network of indigenous peoples organizations and other organizations working in the fields of human rights, the environment and development cooperation; organizing national and international urgent-action letter-writing campaigns on human rights violations against indigenous peoples; publishing a bimonthly magazine on indigenous peoples, entitled *Indigo*.

NCIV will continue to participate in and contribute to the United Nations working group on indigenous populations, the United Nations working group established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/32 and the Commission on Human Rights, all of which fall under the Economic and Social Council. NCIV will provide financial, administrative, technical and political support to the attending indigenous peoples, will participate in related workshops, such as those organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and will itself organize workshops on specific themes relevant to indigenous peoples, together with indigenous peoples and other European support groups.

NCIV is currently in support of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, planning to organize an indigenous peoples' millennium conference in order to enable indigenous peoples to conduct their own review of the Decade and to come together and collectively strategize on how to positively impact the remaining years of the Decade. Thus, with consultative status, NCIV hopes to be able to transmit concrete presentations and proposals from the conference to all of the relevant United Nations bodies.

NCIV now primarily seeks consultative status in order to take on a more official and, thus, even more active role within the United Nations in order to further its support of indigenous peoples.

83. Pro Dignitate Foundation of Human Rights

Address: Praça da Estrela, nº 12 — 1º
1200-667 Lisbon, Portugal
Telephone: 21 392 93 10
Fax: 21 397 02 79
Email: prodigni@esoterica.pt

Category requested: Special

Date established: 13 October 1994

Membership: National organization with 72 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (escudos)*

Income	
Government	2 500 000
Other income	17 271 359
Total	**19 771 359**
Expenditure	
Administration	6 237 035
Projects	18 725 000
Total	**24 962 035**

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Foundation has humanitarian and social aims which it seeks to achieve by means of scientific studies, planning, the promotion and evaluation of preventive measures and other actions conducted in defence of human rights. In order to accomplish its aims, the Foundation will develop activities and actions considered appropriate by its board of directors in order to:

(a) Promote periodic scientific discussions and studies on the interconnection between the real or potential violation of human rights and violence in society, by means of conferences, courses and seminars;

(b) Spread information and ensure intervention to prevent violations of human rights and to help the victims of such violations.

Pro Dignitate has carried out the following activities:

(a) Personal support for victims of human rights violations (a permanent service);

(b) National Seminar against Violence;

(c) Celebration of the Human Rights Hero, Portuguese Diplomat Aristides Sousa Mendes (Visas for Life);

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* In 1999 there was an operating loss of 5,190,676 escudos owing to the extraordinary expenses of a delegation of Pro Dignitate members and Angolan women who met in Geneva the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

(d) European Seminar to educate and integrate for peace and solidarity;

(e) Seminar to celebrate the end of the Second World War.

It has also produced the following publications:

(a) A collection of presentations made at the National Seminar against Violence;

(b) A family-school calendar on education for citizenship and human rights, in cooperation with a Dutch organization (30,000 copies/year);

(c) A magazine entitled *Time for Peace*;

(d) A booklet entitled *No to Arms*.

At the international level, it has conducted:

(a) Campaigns entitled "Educate for Solidarity", to collect school supplies for African Portuguese-speaking countries and East Timor (about 100 tons per year);

(b) The ONJILA Project in Angola, with the support of the European Union;

(c) A seminar on education for non-violence, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO);

(d) A celebration of United Nations Day, in cooperation with the United Nations Information Centre in Lisbon.

It has also served as a member of the UNESCO International Clearinghouse on Children and Violence on the Screen; participated in the Campaign to Silence the Arms; met with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva, 1999); held training courses on human rights (in Angola and East Timor); and organized a solidarity appeal for East Timor.

Pro Dignitate would like to pursue its work through the Commission on Human Rights. If granted consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, it will undertake to:

(a) Publish a booklet on the Campaign to Silence the Arms, in cooperation with the United Nations Information Centre in Lisbon;

(b) Conduct a campaign "To Educate for Solidarity" in Angola and Cape Verde;

(c) Organize a conference on human rights, children and violence, in cooperation with the Commission on Human Rights.

84. Society of Automotive Engineers

Address: 400 Commonwealth Drive
Warrendale, PA 15096-0001
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 11 March 1985

Membership: International organization with 75,000 individual members in 105 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	4 774 940
Government	515 363
Other sources	48 033 604
Total	**53 323 907**
Expenditure	
Administration	33 364 000
Other activities	19 959 907
Total	**53 323 907**

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The purpose of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), as set forth in its articles of incorporation, are: (a) to advance the knowledge of the arts, sciences, standards and engineering practices connected with the development, design, construction and use of self-propelled machines, prime movers and related equipment (all collectively called "mechanisms"); (b) to preserve and improve the quality of life in the production and use of such mechanisms; (c) to maintain a library of publications; (d) to promote through meetings, lectures, courses, seminars and the presentation and discussion of scientific and engineering papers a better understanding of such mechanisms; (e) to develop technical and scientific reports, including engineering standards and recommended practices, in connection with the development, design construction and use of such mechanisms, and to publish and distribute such reports for the benefit of mankind; and (f) generally to provide for or carry on such other activities as may be necessary, incidental, convenient or desirable to accomplish fully the foregoing purposes.

SAE will work with Working Party 29 of the Economic and Social Council to expand and improve its work on international standards. SAE is a major participant in and contributor to ISO TC 22 — Road Vehicles and ISO TC 204 — Intelligent Transport Systems. By working with WP 29, SAE will be actively engaged in and knowledgeable about the WP 29 agenda. SAE will use the knowledge gained to integrate the work of WP 29 into the standards process in both SAE and ISO.

85. American Conservative Union

Address: 1007 Cameron Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
United States of America

Category requested: General

Date established: 28 June 1979

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 1 million individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	5 198 823
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts, etc.	-
Other income[a]	267 218
Interest earned	1 664
Total	**5 467 705**
Expenditure	
Administration	1 088 660
Projects[b]	3 260 437
Other activities (fund-raising)	947 846
Total	**4 174 000**

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[a] Proceeds from annual Conservative Political Action Conference.

[b] Expenses for Conservative Political Action Conference, research, disseminating position papers, production of Battleline newsletter and other member communication.

Aims and activities

The American Conservative Union (ACU) is the oldest conservative grassroots organization in the United States. It has one million members from all walks of life, many of whom are active in our nation's political process.

The purpose of ACU is to effectively communicate and advance the goals and principles of conservatism through one multi-issue, umbrella organization. ACU supports capitalism, believes in the doctrine of original intent of the framers of the Constitution, has confidence in traditional moral values, and commitment to a strong national defence.

ACU recognizes that issues which were historically domestic in nature are now influencing, and being influenced by, world events. Its members are often subject to policies that are being developed or discussed in important world forums such as the United Nations. Furthermore, ACU activities on behalf of its United States citizen members often have global implications (i.e., lobbying efforts regarding the Kyoto Protocol, foreign policy views, etc.).

With this in mind, the organization feels a responsibility to its members to apply to the United Nations for consultative status as a non-governmental organization.

Over the years, ACU has been on the cutting edge of major public policy battles in the United States. Among the significant past efforts of ACU are fighting to keep the Occupational Safety and Health Administration off the back of small businesses, opposing the Panama Canal Treaty, opposing the strategic arms limitation talks (SALT) treaties, supporting aid to freedom fighters in Nicaragua, and opposing the ratification of the Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty. Our current primary focus includes advocating against higher taxes, and advocating the need for near-term deployment of strategic defences, with a focus on a national missile defence system.

ACU is appreciative of the opportunity to be considered under Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, and sincerely hopes to be allowed to participate in the diversity of opinion on a variety of issues sought by the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies.

86. Coordinating Body for the Indigenous Organizations in the Amazon Basin

Address: Calle Luis Beethoven No. 47-65 y Capitán Rafael Ramos
Casilla Postal 17-21-753
Quito, Ecuador
Telephone/Fax: 593-2-2407 759/2502 260
E-mail: info@coica.org
Web site: http://www.coica.org

Category requested: Special

Date established: The organization was founded in 1984, and was registered in Quito, on 24 August 1995.

Membership: The organization is an international organization with no individual members and nine organization members in nine countries.

Summary of financial statement for 2000 (United States dollars)

Income

Details of total income and sources of funds	
Membership dues	-
Governments	-
Intergovernmental organizations	-
Other non-governmental organizations	209 398.71
Contracts	-
Other sources	-
Total	**209 398.71**

Expenditure

Administration	122 578.59
Projects	84 176.12
Other activities	-
Not used	2 644.00
Total[a]	**206 754.71**

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[a] Excludes $206,754.71 travel expenditure to attend international meetings, as well as one of the staff members, given as direct support financed by international development organizations and intergovernmental sources.

Aims and activities

The general aim of the Coordinating Body for the Indigenous Organizations in the Amazon Basin (COICA) is to develop solutions towards the problems faced by indigenous populations in the Amazon Basin, by seeking to strengthen the interaction and the unity between the member organizations of COICA, and enabling them to exchange experiences as well as find common solutions to common problems.

COICA is working for the defence of indigenous territories and for the recognition of the right to self-determination as well as respect for indigenous peoples' human rights as a whole. The organization is also promoting the cultural recognition and the cultural demands of its member organizations.

COICA is working towards these aims by producing new knowledge on these issues seen from the point of view of indigenous peoples, by improving the flow of information and by strengthening the technical capacity among its member organizations, as well as by coordinating dialogue and negotiations with Governments, intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations.

COICA has contributed to the work of concern to the Economic and Social Council in a number of areas. Protection of indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge on natural resources is one of these areas. This has included participation at meetings and processes at United Nations bodies, such as the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and its working groups, conferences convened by the World Intellectual Property Organization and the United Nations Commission on Trade and Development, as well as meetings of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

COICA has also participated actively at the meetings relating to the United Framework Convention on Climate Change with regard to the different mechanisms and agreements within the Kyoto Protocol.

Recently, COICA has been participating in the process towards the ten-year review of progress achieved in the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at Johannesburg in September 2002 and will elaborate evaluations of the Rio agreements as well as inform member organizations on this matter.

Related to the recognition and respect for indigenous peoples' rights, COICA has participated in United Nations bodies and meetings developed within the framework of the Commission on Human Rights, including the Working Group on the draft declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples, the Working Group on Indigenous Populations and the preparatory meetings for the Permanent Forum for Indigenous Peoples.

COICA intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council along the above-mentioned lines of work and believes that the granting of special consultative status within the Council will enable this work to be done in a more consistent, continuous, efficient and systematic way.

87. Ethiopian World Federation

Address: 482 Ridgewood Ave., Suite 1R
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11208
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 25 August 1937

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 1,838 individual members and 25 organization members in 12 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 2000 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	1 209.93
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts, etc.	-
Other income:	
Donations	3 176.71
Joining fee	343.00
Special events	454.84
Total	**5 184.48**
Expenditure	
Administration	5 051.30
Projects	-
Other activities	0
Total	**5 051.30**

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The aims are:

To promote love and goodwill among people of African ancestry at home and abroad and thereby to maintain the integrity and sovereignty of Ethiopia (Africa), to disseminate the ancient Ethiopian culture among its members, to correct abuses, relieve oppression and carve out for ourselves, and our posterity, a destiny comparable to our idea of perfect manhood and God's purpose in creating us, that we may not only save ourselves from annihilation, but carve out for ourselves a place in the sun. In this endeavour, we determine to seek peace and pursue it, for it is the will of God for man;

To promote and pursue happiness, for it is the goal of human life and endeavour; to usher in the teaching and practice of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; to promote and stimulate interest among its members in world affairs, and to cultivate a spirit of international goodwill and comity; and to promote friendly interest among its members, to develop a fraternal spirit among them, and to inculcate in its members the desire to render voluntary aid and assistance to one another at all times. There shall be no charge, fee, beneficiary tax or other assessment upon the members of the Ethiopian World Federation, except for dues, provided for in the Constitution and By-laws of the Ethiopian World Federation;

To encourage its members to develop interest and pride in democratic institutions and to promote democratic principles and ideals.

The Ethiopian World Federation intends to participate in the work of the United Nations on social and economic sustainable development, by collaborating with the Economic and Social Council in completely developing the model city of Shashamanne, Ethiopia. The group of three scientists identified by the Federation for planning the development of the model city is headed by Ato Eshetu Abebe, Ph.D., Urban Planner, Chief Technical Adviser to UNDP/UNCHS from 1990 to 1995, working on projects in Ghana and Nigeria. The Federation would like to work with the Council to identify the bodies concerned with sustainable community development, and have us work together to send this delegation of scientists to Ethiopia, so as to complete their task of drafting the blueprint for a fully self-sustaining model community in Shashamanne. The Federation would also like to attend and participate in meetings of the Commission for Social Development, as well as the Commission on Human Rights.

88. UNESCO Centre Basque Country

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48011 Bilbao-Basque country
Spain
Tel: (34) 94.427.64.32-Fax: (34) 94.427.25.48
E-mail: portega@eurosur.org
Internet: http://www.unesco.org

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 30 July 1991

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 89 individual members and 7 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for year 1998 (Spanish pesetas)

Income	
Membership dues	1 040 000
Governments	59 900 000
Intergovernmental organizations	6 897 000
Contracts	7 352 659
Total	**75 189 659**
Expenditure	
Administration	16 161 384
Projects	53 924 154
Total	**70 085 538**

Aims and activities of the organization and participation in the work of the Council

For the past eight years, UNESCO Etxea has maintained an intense and fruitful cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), which culminated in the recognition of the existence of "official relations", a status granted by UNESCO to only a small number of organizations in the world.

UNESCO Etxea carries through various official projects of UNESCO, for which we have found new sources of financing: the LINGUAPAX World Language Report, the UNESCO Volunteer Programme, the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Biosphere Reserve of Urdaibai etc.

UNESCO Etxea has now begun to investigate opportunities for cooperation with the rest of the United Nations system. We see promising avenues with the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Publications Service etc.

In the short term, UNESCO Etxea is specially interested in contributing to the debates currently taking place in the Economic and Social Council and the whole United Nations system about the right to the environment, the right to peace and the right to self-determination, among others.

We would also like to facilitate discussions and articulate proposals on the reform of the United Nations, while intensifying our support for the work of the United Nations in general, and of the Economic and Social Council in particular.

89. Centre UNESCO de Catalunya

Address: Mallorca, 285
08037 Barcelona
Spain
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Fax: 34.934.575.851
E-mail: centre@unescocat.org

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 25 February 1985

Membership: The organization is a national organization, with 7 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for year 1998 (Spanish pesetas)

Income	
Membership dues	1 800 000
Contributions from Governments	122 317 500
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	7 617 390
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	7 700 000
Revenue from contracts etc.	6 200 000
Other income	5 400 000
Total	**151 034 890**
Expenditure	
Administration	66 923 560
Projects	84 111 330
Other activities	-
Total	**151 034 890**

Aims and activities of the organization and participation in the work of the Council

Centre UNESCO de Catalunya was founded with the objective of strengthening — as a non-governmental structure — the relations between the grass-roots organizations active in the different areas of the Catalan culture on the one hand, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations (United Nations) system on the other.

The organization has always been firmly committed to promoting a culture of peace, founded on the respect of cultural, religious and linguistic diversity, which it has advocated in its educational, scientific and cultural activities. These priorities are always set in accordance with the basic principles and instruments of the United Nations such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and as laid down in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights (14-25 June 1993).

To implement its programme, the organization follows several lines of action: translation into Catalan language of the main UNESCO and United Nations publications, documents and reports, and their dissemination; awareness-raising activities on UNESCO and the United Nations system; organizing and sponsoring seminars and publications in collaboration with UNESCO and other United Nations bodies in the fields of intercultural dialogue, inter-religious dialogue, human rights, environment, sustainable development, eradication of poverty and United Nations reform; research in areas of concern to the United Nations: future studies, culture of peace; and participation in UNESCO and United Nations-sponsored activities and conferences on topics related to the priority areas of the Centre UNESCO de Catalunya.

Centre UNESCO de Catalunya will continue to participate actively in UNESCO and United Nations-sponsored meetings. The organization will expand its information-sharing activities with the relevant sections of the United Nations Secretariat and offer its expertise to the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council and, when requested, participate in their actions in the areas of specialization of the Centre. The Centre offers its collaboration to assist the United Nations system wherever possible in the preparation and execution of activities related to international days, years and decades. At all times, the organization will seek opportunities to lend its research and operational activities to areas of interest to ECOSOC where they concern the areas of specialization of Centre UNESCO de Catalunya.

90. Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative

Address: F1/12-A, Hauz Khas Enclave
New Delhi — 110 016
India

Category requested: Special

Date established: 21 July 1993

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with 7 organization members in 54 countries.

Summary of financial statement for year 1998-1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Government	61 052
Intergovernmental organizations	-
Other non-governmental organizations	225 147
Contracts	-
Other sources	13 966
Total	**300 165**
Expenditure	
Administration	68 011
Projects	46 827
Other activities	2 996
Total	**117 834**

Aims

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) is an international bipartisan non-profit non-governmental organization mandated to bring about the practical realization of human rights in Commonwealth countries and to raise awareness of and adherence to internationally recognized human rights instruments and declarations made by Commonwealth heads of government.

The Commonwealth is a group of associations set up with the aim of supporting each other and working towards international goals. The Commonwealth attempts to build on a common heritage in language, culture, law and education in promoting international understanding and world peace (see Declaration of Common Principles 1971).

CHRI was born out of an awareness that, although Commonwealth countries have shared legal principles and values, little has been done to set human rights standards within the association itself or to promote a culture of human rights. Therefore, CHRI aims to promote a culture of human rights in Commonwealth countries through its activities.

Activities

CHRI programmes focus specifically on human rights commissions, police reforms, prison reforms, the right to information, fact-finding missions, biennial reports to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) and mechanisms for assisting human rights defenders and civil society actors in Commonwealth countries to promote a culture of human rights.

CHRI project staff also respond to individual human rights issues as they arise, especially when an issue has a potential impact on developing a culture of human rights within the region and the Commonwealth.

Organizing local, national, regional and international workshops; advocating for greater adherence to human rights and internationally recognized human rights instruments; investigating human rights violations in Commonwealth countries; analysing and disseminating information; preparing reports for CHOGM; and reporting on fact-finding missions are the major activities carried out under the specific projects listed above.

How the organization intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council

CHRI has a commitment to achieving the practical realization of human rights standards promulgated in such international instruments as the Charter of the United Nations, the "International Bill of Human Rights" and other international and national human rights instruments.

CHRI sees gaining special consultative status as a means of bringing Commonwealth-related human rights issues, assessments, expertise and information to the attention of the United Nations community. CHRI also sees the Economic and Social Council as a potential forum in which it can advocate for Commonwealth countries to adhere to human rights norms. In this way, the granting of special consultative status to CHRI would create a mutually beneficial relationship between the United Nations network and CHRI which would assist in promoting human rights throughout Commonwealth countries.

91. Rethinking Tourism Project

Address: 266 N. Prior Avenue, Suite 203
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104
United States of America

Category requested: Special

Date established: 1996

Membership: The organization is an international organization, with individual members (staff and advisory council) and 245 ad hoc organizational and individual members in 43 countries through the Rethinking Tourism Project Network.

Summary of financial statement for year 1999 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	15 284.00
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	100.00
Revenue from contracts	-
Other income	
Foundations	50 302.00
Individuals	28 440.00
Stock	83 530.31
Sales, workshops	3 000.00
Total	**180 556.31**
Expenditure	
Administration	16 977.35
Projects	101 493.45
Other activities (fund-raising)	438.89
Total	**118 909.69***

Aims and activities of the organization and participation in the work of the Council

The Rethinking Tourism Project (RTP) is an indigenous peoples' organization conceived of and founded by indigenous people in 1996. It is dedicated to the preservation and protection of traditional lands and cultures being destroyed by global tourism, the largest industry in the world. RTP works in partnership with indigenous peoples in rural communities who are striving for self-determination and control over their lands. It strives to bridge the gap in leadership and capacity between indigenous and rural communities and the international policies and practices that affect global tourism development.

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* Net surplus of $61,646.62: funding came at end of year and was earmarked for the year 2000.

The current work of the Rethinking Tourism Project involves four substantive programme areas, and the International Forum on Indigenous Tourism to be held in January 2002. RTP programmes are designed to support its overall goals of protecting and preserving traditional lands and values, and promoting indigenous leadership and autonomy in tourism and related development decisions. Programmes are designed, monitored, and evaluated by the Program Director, Advisory Council, and community partners. Our substantive programme areas are (detailed programme descriptions are available upon request): public policy and indigenous peoples leadership training and development, cultural knowledge and rights: biodiversity and related issues, global information network, and community technical assistance. The International Forum on Indigenous Tourism, to be held in Oaxaca, Mexico, in January 2002, will include the work and further the objectives and goals of all four programme areas by bringing together over 200 indigenous peoples to learn from each other's experiences, share knowledge and search for collective solutions to common problems. Forum activities and follow-up will continue into 2003.

RTP has created the International Indigenous Peoples Leadership Training Program, designed specifically to train eight indigenous leaders to participate in international policy-making arenas such as United Nations forums including the Convention on Biological Diversity, the sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development, the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity etc. A key feature of the work of RTP is to establish clear guidelines for participation and follow-up, at a grass-roots level. RTP believes it is of utmost importance to obtain diverse and constructive indigenous perspectives and voices in developing international tourism policies that will have long-term and widespread implications for indigenous peoples for future generations. RTP will participate in tourism-related activities, policy-making, monitoring and evaluations of Economic and Social Council-related conferences, meetings, policies etc. RTP will also host a separate International Forum on Indigenous Tourism in 2002 in Mexico to examine United Nations Environment Programme/Economic and Social Council-related activities and policies that deal with tourism.

92. Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem

Address: 6022 Knights Ridge Way
Alexandria, Virginia 22310-1635
United States of America

Category requested: General

Date established: 29 June 1962

Membership: The organization is an international organization composed of national branches (Grand Priories), with a total of 2,156 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership	53 167
Governments	-
Intergovernmental organizations	-
Other non-governmental organizations	-
Contracts	-
Other sources (private donations)	600
Fund-raising	8 880
Total	**62 647**

Expenditure

Administration	29 435.10
Projects/donations	1 508.35
Other activities	13 843.59
Total	**44 787.04**

Aims and activities

The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (SMOTJ) is an international association concerned with inter-religious dialogue, human rights, tolerance and peace. We have a commitment at a local level to restoring a sense of community in an ecumenical, inter-cultural and cosmopolitan spirit.

In support of Council priorities, SMOTJ promotes the acceptance of the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief (General Assembly resolution 36/55).

Conflicts are due to clashes between civilizations. In order to help build bridges between civilizations, the Order strives to increase the awareness, in the West as well as in the rest of the world, of the value of tolerance and the richness of diversity. It studies other cultures, and their mentality and customs, and vigorously opposes all forms of fundamentalism and extremism.

SMOTJ is a transnational network of educated professionals and military personnel. The members, both active and associate, represent different religions, cultures and languages. They form a pool of expertise and an influent voice to further pacifist ideals and the virtues of honesty, honour, tolerance and ecumenical faith throughout society. For these purposes, they organize cultural events and public lectures that underline the value of a cosmopolitan society in which differences are not only tolerated but also appreciated. Occasionally, the Order distinguishes with honorary membership those leaders of all faiths and nationalities that work towards similar goals. In 1999, Congressmen Ben Gilman and Mario Biaggi (United States) were distinguished for their contributions in conflict resolution. The Order has a presence on the World Wide Web. Publications aim at increasing public awareness of the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

While the main activities remain in the realm of personal commitment at the local level, the Order also raises funds for and offers practical support to grass-roots projects that encourage peaceful coexistence and mutual respect through education. In the immediate future, the fund-raising activities will be expanded in order to finance more demanding projects.

The Order will engage in issues related to the following areas of the Council:

- Commission on Human Rights;
- Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights;
- Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

The Order wishes to contribute to all areas related to freedom of religion and inter-cultural/inter-religious dialogue. Finally, it will work closely with the Secretary-General, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and places at their disposal its network of senior diplomatic and military members.